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Washington And Japanese Move In Indo-China

WITH LOVE FROM MUSSO

Leaflets in Arabic protesting Mussolini's love for the Arabs were dropped at the same time as bombs when Italian warplanes raided Haifa for the seventh time on Saturday.

Bombs which damaged a mosque killed and severely injured people sheltering nearby. Another bomb exploded inside a Moslem cemetery, tearing open graves and demolishing tombstones, fragments of which caused casualties.

A bus carrying ten Arab passengers was struck by a bomb which killed the driver and injured passengers. A British constable immediately lifted the driver's body aside and drove the bus to a hospital.

Arab and Jewish wardens worked side by side rescuing injured and fighting fires.—Reuter.

TWO AIRMEN LAND IN SWEDEN BELIEVED BRITISH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two foreign planes, "apparently British," made a forced landing in Sweden yesterday after flying over a northern province, according to the Swedish news agency in Stockholm. One machine landed on Lake Gosund and the other on the Faxaelver River, where it sank. Two British airmen were saved by the provincial guard. — Havas.

C.-In-C. Flying From Hawaii

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON REVEALED YESTERDAY THAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE VIRTUALLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE BASING OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET AT SINGAPORE SHOULD THE FAR EAST SITUATION WARRANT.

It is understood the deal was almost concluded in the recent conversations between Secretary of State Hull, Lord Lothian (British Ambassador) and Mr. R. G. Casey (Austrian Minister).

Mr. Hull last week told the press that the question of Singapore was discussed but denied that formal negotiations had begun or decisions made.

It is pointed out in Washington that several weeks ago Mr. A. V. Alexander, British First Lord of the Admiralty, announced Britain's willingness to grant the United States the use of Singapore for repair and docking facilities at any time they were needed.

It is therefore considered that prolonged negotiations are not necessary. It is believed that actual transfer of the U.S. Fleet from Hawaii to Singapore depends on three factors: —

Neutrality Issue

Firstly, whether Japan does not heed United States warnings and marches into Indo-China.

Secondly, the recommendations of Admiral Richardson, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Navy, who leaves Hawaii for the mainland to-day, and.

Thirdly, demonstration by the British Fleet of sustained capacity to withstand pounding from the German air force, repulse an invasion and retain command of the Atlantic and Mediterranean approaches.

Admiral Richardson's views are not known.

Experts in Washington said yesterday the question is whether a neutral can maintain its fleet at a belligerent base and still be considered neutral.

SPAIN'S WAR POSITION: REPORTS "ABSD"

An official Spanish news agency despatch from Rome yesterday said reports that Spain will enter the war beside the Axis are "absurd."

The agency added, however, it is evident Spain's position in Europe is not that of a mere spectator.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: — South-east winds, moderate; fair.

JAPANESE MOVING TROOPS INTO INDO-CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN HANOI BETWEEN MAJOR-GENERAL NISHIHARA, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE INSPECTORATE, AND ADMIRAL JEAN DECOUX, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDO-CHINA, THE FIRST JAPANESE LANDING PARTY DISEMBARKED AT HAIPHONG AT 3.30 P.M. YESTERDAY, AN HOUR AFTER THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED, IT IS NOW REVEALED.

Japanese troops also crossed into Indo-China from the Kwangtung and Kwangsi borders, where a number of minor skirmishes have occurred and may re-occur.

A proclamation issued yesterday by Admiral Decoux confirms the agreement and appeals to all in Indo-China to show comprehension, and calm spirit and discipline, and at the same time points out that the Japanese have guaranteed the integrity of French Indo-China and to recognize French sovereignty. Belated reports from Hanoi state that the first party of Japanese troops landed at 4.30 p.m.

at Haiphong. The casualties resulting from the battle last night are yet not known. The new agreement came into effect immediately after it was signed, and the terms are reported to be slightly modified from those contained in the ultimatum. The agreement allows Japanese to land some 6,000 troops for garrisons at different bases in addition to those already there. (Continued on Page 16)

RUSSIA'S INTEREST IN DANUBE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to the French newspaper "Le Temps" yesterday one of the most delicate subjects discussed in Rome by Ribbentrop and Mussolini was the Russian claim to participate in a conference on Danube navigation.

Germany and Italy are still determined to avoid the slightest possibility of conflict with the Soviet but they are apparently also determined to take all precautions in order to avoid a Russian thrust in the Danubian and Balkan regions since an increase of Russian influence there would seriously threaten the "new order" in south-east Europe as conceived in Berlin and Rome.

The newspaper is of opinion that the Axis powers are striving to find a formula for co-ordinating Russian interests there.—Havas.

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INDO-CHINA GIVES IN

Japanese Begin Invasion From Kwangtung; But Sharp Clash Proves To Have Been A Mistake

Three-Point Agreement Signed

AFTER WEEKS OF RUMOUR, A JAPANESE FORCE TOOK THE BIT BETWEEN ITS TEETH AND LAST NIGHT LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON INDO-CHINA—AT 10 O'CLOCK, TWO HOURS BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE 72-HOUR ULTIMATUM OF GENERAL NISHIHARA, JAPANESE TROOPS MOVED IN FORCE ACROSS THE BORDER FROM KWANGTUNG.

News of the attack was contained in a Reuter despatch from Haiphong this morning and passed by the French censors.

It said briefly that the Japanese crossed the Indo-China border from South China at 10 o'clock last night, and added that in the face of intense French resistance the attack ceased at midnight, but was expected to be resumed at dawn.

In fact, however, fighting was never resumed. The affair was patched up as a mistake before dawn, and Reuter reports that an agreement has been signed, with the Indo-China Government accepting all demands.

Reports received by the "China Hanoi, northwards, while all Mail" last night indicated the towns were blacked out. Imminence of trouble.

Cables from Kwang Chow Wan revealed that all French forces were on Saturday placed on a footing of full mobilisation, including the reorganised City Protection Corps (a body organized by the Chinese) in Hanoi.

Women and children, including Chinese, were evacuated from

Troops In Position

Troops were moved into battle positions along the coast and the border, over which the Japanese attack was launched last night.

The French authorities announced yesterday that "force will be met with force" should the Japanese attempt an invasion.

Certain areas were mined over the week-end by the French between the Kwangsi border and Haiphong.

Similar military preparations were carried out in Kwang Chow Wan on Saturday, while nine members of the Japanese inspectate as well as Japanese civilians started to evacuate French territory.

Seven Japanese warships, with decks cleared for action, arrived outside Kwang Chow Wan yesterday.

A Mistake

All this precaution, however, apparently was taken lest the Japanese should spring last-minute demands. In the evening, an agreement was signed, which, while modified from the terms of the ultimatum, gives Japan substantially what she demanded.

The later Reuter message gives an explanation of the Kwangtung border fighting—as a mistake.

The agreement was signed last night but apparently the Japanese general commanding the South China army was not informed and he accordingly ordered an attack at Dongshing presumably in accordance with a prearranged plan. The French offered stiff resistance and General Nishihara sent a delegate by air with orders to cease fire.

Terms Of Agreement

The terms of the agreement signed last night are:

1. Indo-China grants Japan three air bases in Tongking, with the right to station 8,000 troops to supervise them.
2. Indo-China grants Japan the right to pass troops from South China through Indo-China by delimited routes.
3. Indo-China grants Japan the right to land and station a number of effectives in Haiphong.—Reuter.

French Communiqué

FIRST NEWS OF THE JAPANESE OPERATIONS ON THE INDO-CHINA BORDER AND OF THE FRENCH RESISTANCE WAS CONTAINED IN A FRENCH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT, WHEN THE JAPANESE ULTIMATUM WAS DUE TO EXPIRE.

It was learned that General Nishihara and members of his staff had gone to the aerodrome. It was immediately thought that "the balloon had gone up."

Later it was learned he had gone to the airfield to give final instructions to the emissary he was sending by air to the commander of the Japanese army that had crossed the border in the north.

It is not yet clear how big the operations were at Dongshing as the French communiqué merely spoke of the Japanese "crossing the border" and of the French offering "stiff resistance."

It is expected, however, that the matter will soon be cleared up. Probably a joint Franco-Japanese communiqué will be issued on the subject later to-day.—Reuter.

Japanese Version Of Events

In connection with last night's Franco-Japanese "incident" on the Indo-China border an authorised source in Tokyo this morning declared the Japanese in no way "invaded" Indo-China. They were merely entering the territory accord-

DAUGHTER FOR "MAN IN THE IRON LUNG"

A daughter was born in Chicago yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snite.

Snite, who married in August last year, is the famous "Man in the Iron Lung" who has been living in a mechanical respirator since being stricken with infantile paralysis in China in 1936. Before his marriage, he went on a pilgrimage to Lourdes to seek a cure.—Reuter.

THE ROTHSCHILD PROPERTIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") All belongings of the well-known French financier, Baron Maurice de Rothschild, have been placed under seal by the French authorities, it was announced in Vichy yesterday. Baron de Rothschild is now in London.—Havas.

ITALIANS SINK SPANISH TRAWLER

A Spanish trawler has been sunk off the coast of Spain by a submarine which was almost certainly an Italian.

The trawler Almirante Jose de Carranza was sunk in the early hours of Thursday last off Cap Vilano, on the north-west coast of Spain.

All hands except one were lost. The survivor, who has been landed at Corunna, says that the crew of the submarine had a Latin appearance and threw packets of cigarettes at the boat which picked him up.

The trawler was probably mistaken for a British patrol vessel.—Reuter.

Built at Port Glasgow in 1918, the Almirante Jose de Carranza (ex Ocean Ensign, ex John Highland) was a vessel of 330 tons, owned by R. de Carranza.

ANTI-FASCIST PURGE IN VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Vichy Government's purge of anti-Fascist elements continues. Yesterday M. Clero, head of the central administration of the French Admiralty, and several other officials were relieved of their duties.—Havas.

HITLER'S BASES FOR INVASION PLASTERED

AN AIR MINISTRY communiqué issued in London yesterday stated that the R.A.F. continued the attacks on enemy invasion bases in the Channel Ports on Saturday and Saturday night.

During the day aircraft from the Bomber Command attacked the port of Flushing, its defences and concentrations of barges, light draught vessels at Rotterdam, Antwerp, Ostend and near Nerneuzen (Holland) and in the Calais-St. Omer Canal.

SOVIET RAILWAY RIGHT IN FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

REGULAR RAILWAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FINLAND AND SOVIET RUSSIA WAS RE-ESTABLISHED YESTERDAY, AND ONE TRAIN A DAY IS RUNNING BETWEEN HELSINKI AND LENINGRAD, WHILE TWO TRAINS A DAY LINK LENINGRAD AND HANGOO.

Since the Soviet-Finnish hostilities ended, Russia has secured the right to establish air and naval bases at Hangoo, at the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia.

The two trains running to Hangoo are therefore under Soviet military surveillance during the whole trip through Finnish territory.—Havas.

ing to the terms of the agreement permitting them to pass troops, it was alleged.

That the French resisted them must have been due to a misunderstanding, it was stated, but the matter was soon settled amicably.—Reuter.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command operated successfully against enemy ships at sea. A convoy of 12 merchant vessels was bombed near Boulogne.

A patrolling aircraft attacked a supply ship of large tonnage south of Borkum and incendiary bombs were observed to strike the vessel.

When two smaller ships were attacked near the Dutch island of Ameland a direct hit on one of them was followed by an explosion.

Good Effect

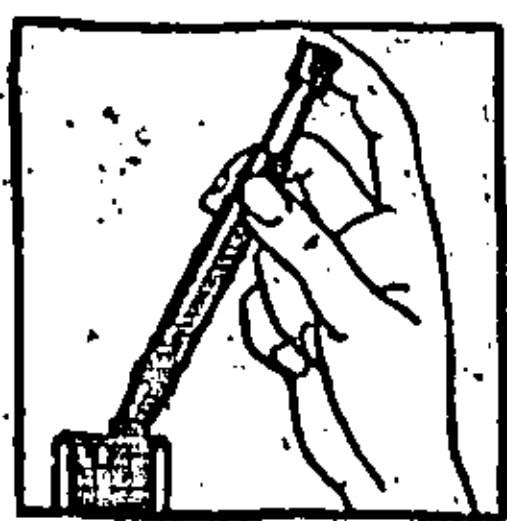
During the night, from shortly after dusk until nearly dawn, the ports of Ostend, Dunkirk, Boulogne, and Calais were heavily bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

Many bombs were seen to burst with good effect on ships, barges and docks and the attacks were punctuated by fires and explosions. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.

PUNJAB GIFT

The Miqwall district of the Punjab has raised £10,000 for the purchase of fighting aircraft, it was announced in Lahore yesterday.—Reuter.

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ITALIANS WALK INTO SIDI BARANI MINE TRAP

AS THE ENEMY'S LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN EGYPT LENGTHEN, THE DIFFICULTY OF MAINTAINING LARGE FORCES ON THE FORWARD LINE IS INCREASING ENORMOUSLY, IT WAS STATED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

British troops operating on the Egyptian front are not under-rating the fighting qualities of the enemy who have shown signs of the German tactics of advancing in waves irrespective of casualties.

They offer a solid target, show considerable courage and no signs of turning tail.

They suffered, for instance, very severe casualties when they entered the village of Sidi Barani, which had been heavily mined with controlled mines.

WHEN THEY HAD INVESTED THE VILLAGE THE BRITISH PULLED THE CONTROL SWITCH. ACCORDING TO AN EYE-WITNESS THE VILLAGE, FULL OF ENEMY TROOPS, APPEARED TO BE BLOWN INTO THE AIR BY THE EXPLOSION.

British artillery and equipment and the accuracy of British gunners is proving definitely superior to that of the enemy.

The British troops are in excellent spirits and are looking forward to real combat.

Great Patience

At the same time they are showing great patience as the Italians are allowed to push on slowly to our outlying defence positions.

Meanwhile, the advancing Italians have to face harrying fire by our armoured units which are making good use of their knowledge of every inch of terrain which the enemy has to cover. — Reuter.

R.A.F. Raids

In East Africa, it was stated in Cairo yesterday, the South African Air Force attacked Birkao where buildings were bombed, several fires started and a small factory damaged.

Seventy per cent. of the buildings were gutted.

R.A.F. bombers raided Tessenei aerodrome where one enemy aircraft was badly damaged.

Enemy bombers attempting to raid Aden on Saturday were driven off and no damage done. — Reuter.

INDIA'S MUNITION CAPACITY

A SURVEY OF INDIA'S FACTORIES WILL SHORTLY BE MADE IN ORDER TO ESTIMATE THE COUNTRY'S PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY FOR WAR SUPPLIES.

India to-day is producing some 20,000 items required for war purposes, including weapons, ammunition, clothing, leather, engineering and ordnance stores and numerous raw materials.

Great efforts are being made to extend the scope of production still further. — Reuter.

DOVER SHELLED

"SEA CALM, FRESH SOUTH-WESTERLY BREEZE, SLIGHT MIST, RAIN THREATENS" — THAT WAS THE WEATHER REPORT FROM DOVER YESTERDAY, BUT THE ONLY SIGN OF LIFE DURING THE SPELL OF "INVASION WEATHER" WAS SOME LONG-RANGE SHELLING BY GERMAN GUNS ON THE FRENCH COAST.

Shells landed in the Dover area just before noon yesterday. — Reuter.

CALL FOR MORE AIRCRAFT

In a call to aircraft workers for increased production, Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, yesterday issued this message:

"It is imperative that there should be a considerable increase in output in the coming week, for the testing time may come upon us very shortly.

It is the duty of aircraft factories to supply the men of the fighting front with all the aircraft they require.

Men and women of the aircraft industry up and down the country have promised they would fulfil the needs of the R.A.F.

That pledge has been made good in the past. We will now all our pilots in the days to come." — Reuter.

FRENCH FORCES IN EGYPT

THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE OF FREE FRANCE ARE ALREADY IN BATTLE AGAINST THE ITALIANS IN EGYPT.

This is announced by General de Gaulle, who says that from now on Free France can assure her allies of efficient support in the struggle to come. — Reuter.

POLICE ACTIVITY IN SINGAPORE

A Japanese is among a number of people now being detained by the Singapore police for enquiries. — Reuter.

IF YOU ARE WISE?

All residents in Hong Kong and all visitors to the Colony are requested to aid the Health Authorities in preventing the cholera epidemic becoming a more serious menace.

If you are wise, you will adopt the following precautions:—

(1) Boil milk and water before drinking. Do not drink fruit juices and aerated waters unless made by a reliable firm.

(2) Do not eat fresh, uncooked vegetables, or ice-cream unless made from boiled materials.

(3) Protect all food from flies and cockroaches.

(4) Regard flies as public enemy No. 1 and wage constant war upon them. Do not allow conditions on your premises or in your gardens which attract flies or provide places in which they can breed. Deal similarly with cockroaches and other vermin.

CHUNGKING SUPPLIES VIA VLADIVOSTOK

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"

Supplies for Chungking are now being sent via Vladivostok, according to the Tokyo "Nichi-Nichi" yesterday.

The paper claims that Britain and the United States are co-operating in an effort to cause the Soviet to continue resistance to Japan by inaugurating the Vladivostok supply route.

According to the paper financing will be aided by the newly concluded US\$135,000,000 loan by the United States to Chungking.

Use of the long round about Vladivostok route was forced on Chungking because the Indo-China and Burma routes have been closed since early summer. Important parleys were held in Chungking between Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the Chinese Foreign Minister, and the Soviet Ambassador on September 8, the paper alleges.

These talks were concluded a few days ago when the two countries agreed that half the U.S. loan be used for the purchase and transport of supplies via Vladivostok.

Both the British and U.S. Ambassadors in Chungking were kept informed of the Sino-Soviet conversations. — Havas.

'DUNDEE' TORPEDOED

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES THAT H.M.S. DUNDEE, CAPTAIN O. M. F. STOKES IN COMMAND, HAS BEEN TORPEDOED AND SUNK BY A U-BOAT.

There were some casualties. The ship, a vessel of about 1,000 tons, normally carried a complement of about 100 men. — Reuter.

Formerly on the America and West Indies station, Dundee was an escort vessel of 1,000 tons, carrying two 4-inch H. A. and two 3-pounder guns.

WAR LOAN HEAVILY OVER-SUBSCRIBED

The Canadian Finance Department announced in Ottawa yesterday that the second \$300,000,000 war loan was heavily over-subscribed.

Mr. Ilsley, the Finance Minister, declared the response has again demonstrated the unity and resolution of the Canadian people in the cause for which they are at war. — Reuter.

TO BE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Three men arrested last Wednesday with two revolvers and 11 rounds of ammunition when alighting from a bus in Prince Edward Road, outside the Police Training School, were convicted by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning of conspiracy to rob. Sentence was postponed until Thursday when they will appear on committal charges of possession of arms.

Accused are: Tse Lui, 26, Yau Wing, 26, and Tsang Hung, 25. Inspector A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

CHARITY MATINEE BY CHANG

Chang, the Magician and his Magical Revue Company are to give a matinee performance tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, at 2.00 p.m. at the Queen's Theatre. The entire proceeds of which will be given to Chinese and British War Relief.

ITALY'S DESIGNS IN SYRIA

The close attention with which the constant reinforcement of the Italian mission in Syria is being followed in Istanbul has been further increased by the arrival of another group of nine Italians en route to join the armistice commission at Beyrout.

Their passage caused the more interest in view of reports received in Turkey of Italy's covetous designs on Syria.

Passengers arriving in Istanbul from Iraq via Syria state the Italians are working very cautiously owing to their fear of an uprising by the Syrians and even by all the Arabs, whose animosity towards Italy is reported to be increasing steadily. — Reuter.

ANOTHER HAIFA RAID

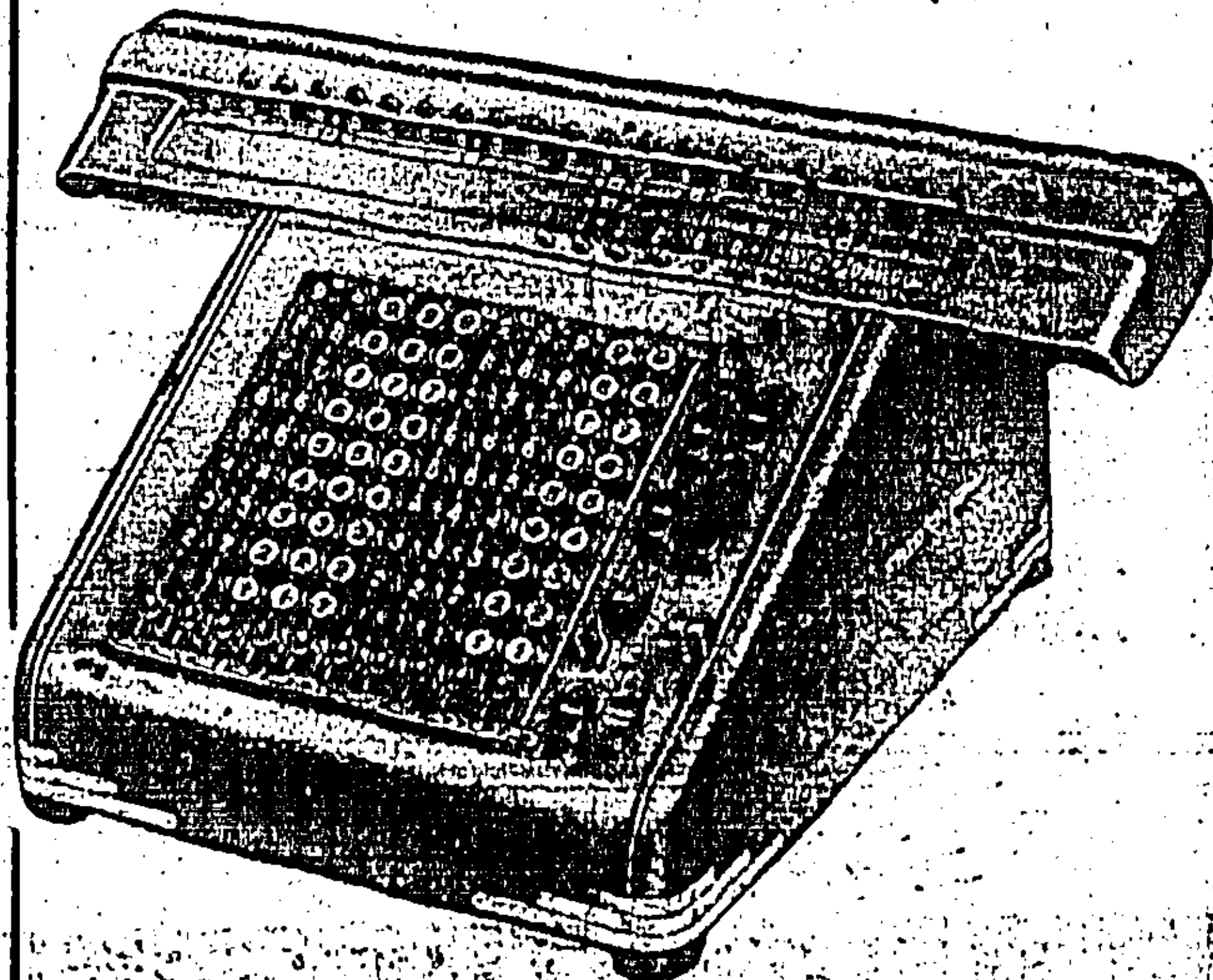
A war communique in Cairo yesterday stated that on Saturday morning Alexandria was bombed by enemy aircraft, causing negligible damage. There were very few casualties.

In Palestine, enemy aircraft again raided Haifa on Saturday. Bombs were dropped in various quarters of the town, causing a certain amount of damage, including a mosque and a Moslem cemetery.

Thirty-two were killed and 68 injured, all of them Arabs. It is believed at least two enemy planes were hit by A.A. fire. There was nothing to report on other fronts. — Reuter.

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LONDON SURVEYS SCENE AFTER HECTIC FORTNIGHT

LONDON HAD A pretty quiet Sunday yesterday. An "alert" was sounded in the early afternoon, the first since Nazi raiders raced across the sky for home shortly before dawn.

The "alert" did not last long, the Germans apparently being beaten back; little gun-fire was heard in the city.

Another "alert" was sounded later.

The German news agency yesterday morning said that German planes had attacked London "in waves."

They may have started from Germany "in waves," but they seemed to be only "wavelets" by the time they reached London!

The general impression in London yesterday was that the Germans had been more economical in "planes and bombs than on earlier nights."

The first batch of enemy raiders, 60 to 70 strong, was making for London when our fighters beat them off.

Aimless Pounding

Saturday night was the 15th night Londoners spent in their shelters and was the third week-end of the "blitz."

Londoners took stock yesterday of the first two weeks in relation to the whole war and saw clearly that this aimless pounding is a desperate move by the German High Command adopted because of the defeat of the Luftwaffe in daylight raids by the R.A.F. and is staged to cow and terrify civilians. Londoners have been able to make up their minds not to be cowed. Even though some streets and buildings are battle-scarred, very little military damage has been done, even if one extends that to cover industry and public services.

Deadlines Caught

Not one of London's 11 morning newspapers has yet missed an edition. They are sometimes a little late, but the is mostly due to tie-ups in transport.

Milkmen and bakers make their daily rounds and meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, butter and bacon flow in and out of shops as usual.

Buses are running, although a few have had their routes altered temporarily, and the Underground is maintaining its service.

Aircraft factories are going strong and pilots of the R.A.F. are using the same airfields that they used at the beginning of the war, for these aerodromes are still in good working order despite German claims that they have been "blown to bits." — Reuter.

SERVICES TO BE KEPT INFORMED

THE ADMIRALTY, WAR OFFICE AND AIR MINISTRY JOINTLY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY A SCHEME BY WHICH SAILORS, SOLDIERS, AIRMEN AND MARINES WILL BE SPECIALLY NOTIFIED IN THE EVENT OF A NEAR RELATIVE BECOMING A CASUALTY AS THE RESULT OF AIR RAIDS.

They include officers and all ranks of women's services. Parents, wives and children or a close relative will carry a slip of paper giving the name and other details of any sailor, soldier or airman who is to be informed — Reuter.

KEEPING IT UP

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL" A decree has been issued in Rabat (Morocco) providing for the confiscation of all properties in Morocco of denationalised Frenchmen. Hitherto these properties were exempt from confiscation. — Havas.

THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA

LUANG BIPUL SONGRAM, THE THAILAND PRIME MINISTER, ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT AT BANGKOK YESTERDAY THAT THAILAND PROPOSED TO ABROGATE THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH FRANCE UNLESS THE VICHY GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE TERRITORIAL DEMANDS ON INDO-CHINA, ACCORDING TO A BANGKOK DESPATCH RECEIVED IN TOKYO.

The pact was concluded on September 12 but has not yet been ratified by France.

Meanwhile, the arrival in Japan of a Thailand goodwill mission headed by the Vice-Minister of Defence is hailed by the Japanese press as an important move in the promotion of closer ties between Thailand and Japan. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTION

At the close of yesterday's counting in the Australian elections it was indicated that the state of the parties in the House of Representatives would be:

United Australia Party	25
Country Party	13
Federal Labour	28
Non-Communist Labour	3
Independent	1

— Reuter.

HONG KONG PAPERS PLEASE COPY

Recent Hong Kong evacuees who were housed at Fort McKinley while in the Philippines have written from Sydney to express their appreciation to officers and men of McKinley who participated in caring for them. Their letter of appreciation, sent through a Manila businessman, carries the parenthetical note "Hong Kong papers please copy."

The letter reads: "We, the evacuees from Hong Kong, wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the officers and men of the U.S. Army. They were so courteous and kind while looking after us at Fort McKinley, and showed us what a truly great thing real American hospitality is."

"We thank them all very much for their kindness and unfailing patience which we will never forget."

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SHANGHAI CHOLERA ORDER

Information has been received from the Commissioner of Customs, Shanghai, to the effect that from September 27, 1940, crews of vessels and passengers of third and lower classes, arriving from Hong Kong must be in possession of cholera inoculation certificates bearing photographs of the holders. The certificates must be endorsed by the Hong Kong Government Health Authorities.

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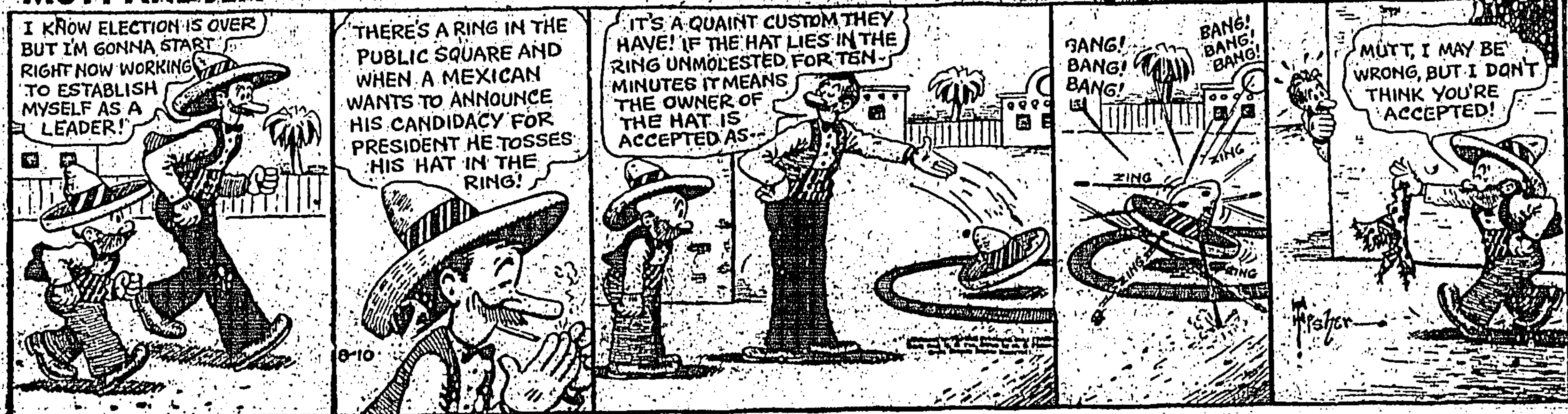
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INDIAN CONSTABLE ON MURDER CHARGE

MERHAN SINGH, a police constable, formerly stationed at Taipo, was charged this morning at the Criminal Sessions before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with the murder of a fellow constable, Narza Singh, at the Yaumati Police Station on August 6.

The case for the Crown was rapid succession. Assar Singh, who conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, as was in this room, with others, sisted by Inspector A. E. Carey, rushed outside and to Room 23. while accused was defended by He saw accused standing some the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, in few feet from the doorway facing structed by Mr. A. Silva. the wall alongside which was a

The jury was composed of bed. He was holding a revolver Messrs. P. Wong (foreman), Lui in a firing position. Kwan-yuen, H. M. F. Xavier, Tai Hong, Chou Hon-sing and L. R. Idelfonso.

Mr. Reynolds said that at about 1.30 p.m. on August 6, accused volunteered to take a convicted prisoner to the Jail Clearing Station. He was issued with a .38 revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition. At about 3.30 p.m. he handed the prisoner over safely and then called on some friends at the Central Police Station.

He arrived at Yaumati Police station between 4.10 and 4.55 p.m. the same afternoon.

Deceased and three others lived in Room 23 on the ground floor.

Four Shots

At 4.55 p.m., persons in an adjoining room heard four shots in (Continued at foot of next Col.)

EAST END ARRESTS

An East End diamond merchant, Joseph Kutchinsky, and a gown manufacturer, Edward Lipschitz, have been arrested under the Defence Regulations by Chief Insp. Salisbury, of Scotland Yard. They are in Brixton Prison.

Investigations will be continued and developments are expected.

EXPANSION OF INDIAN NAVY

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE STEADY GROWTH OF INDIA'S NAVAL STRENGTH VICE-ADMIRAL FITZHERBERT, WHOSE TERM OF APPOINTMENT AS FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING THE ROYAL INDIAN NAVY HAD RECENTLY BEEN EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR FROM NOVEMBER NEXT, HAS UNDER HIS COMMAND THE MOST POWERFUL NAVAL FORCE EVER TO KEEP GUARD IN INDIA'S OWN WATERS.

Indian shipyards are now working to full capacity of the building slips available on the initial scheme of expansion. Australian shipyards are helping with large, local naval defence craft. New modern sloops from Britain will shortly further increase the offensive strength of the Indian naval forces.

Following the entry of Italy into the war the personnel of the Royal Indian Navy, which already had been expanded 200% since Sept., 1939, is to be expanded still further.

The security of the Red Sea route from India to the Middle East is strikingly illustrated by the fact that no less than 71 troop and military supply ships have proceeded without a single casualty from Indian ports to their destination between September 1, 1939, and August 1, 1940.

A total of 944 special military trains were run to and from Indian ports in the first year of war and among units which have journeyed safely overseas on active service is the famous Bikaner Camel Corps.—British Wireless.

Accused, in answer to the charge, made a statement in English as follows: "He borrowed \$400 from me in March, 1939. He refused to repay me and therefore I shot him." The case is proceeding.

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Pupils of the Sheffield High School for Girls who were evacuated to Cliff College, Calver, at the beginning of the war are now happily settled down there for as long as the war makes it necessary. They are now having open air lessons and are enjoying country walks in the afternoons. A feature of the life at Cliff College is the development of hobbies including nature study, photography, stamp-collecting, needlework etc. Here is a delightful study as some of the five-year-olds enjoy a country walk with their teacher. (Copyright, Fox).

Migrations Of London's Air Raid Victims

MR. MALCOLM Macdonald, Minister of Health, in a broadcast speech yesterday described details of the Government's plans for sheltering citizens who have lost their homes through senseless and brutal German air attacks.

Mr. Macdonald said: "Care of those made homeless amidst the bombardment of air raids is now a major activity of the Government. Many agencies are helping in the work.

Local authorities have an important part to play and countless citizens are giving assistance in one way or another, but the main responsibility for seeing that those who are ejected from their own homes are quickly provided with another roof and with food and clothing and other necessities rests fairly and squarely upon government itself.

Generally speaking our plans have recently been billeted widely through all the widely scattered raids on Britain until the violent bombings of London a fortnight ago. Then the first day or two of that experience revealed some faults in our plans.

One important thing in war is to preserve an alert eye and mind to detect mistakes as soon as they become apparent and correct them swiftly and turn them to advantage, so in the past two weeks we have greatly improved our arrangements for looking after the homeless."

Weight Of Attack

Mr. Macdonald continued: "Some boroughs have received a heavier weight of attack than others and have at times found their centres temporarily crammed to capacity. Aid has then come from other boroughs.

There are omnibuses to take people from centres in the more heavily pressed boroughs to centres in those which have been less severely hit.

In all these movements borough boundaries have been swept aside. Different areas are helping each other. The London defence region, which is even wider than that of the London County Council, is being treated as a whole.

For people who cannot find new dwellings for themselves the official billeting officer must find billets. Here again there are no rigid boundaries between borough and borough or even between county.

Billeting Powers

A host of people from the most heavily bombed areas of London sentimental rooting in the locality

have recently been billeted widely outside their own boroughs.

This is done either by billeting people in other households or else by putting them into unoccupied houses. All local authorities have full powers to requisition empty houses for this purpose and many have been exercising their powers energetically for some time past.

For instance, I asked the authorities of fourteen London boroughs where there are the largest numbers of suitable empty houses to requisition those places up to a capacity to accommodate more than 20,000 persons lest that should be required, which is not the case at present.

The local authority can take over furnished houses if they like or they can requisition unfurnished houses and themselves acquire from Government stocks or by their own purchases furniture required for use of incoming householders.

My friend the Chancellor of the Exchequer foists the bill. Migration of homeless families into these residences is now proceeding.

But we must never ignore human factors in this situation. Often those who have been turned out of house and home by enemy action and who could be housed elsewhere are reluctant to leave their own locality.

Stolid Refusals

Over and over again omnibuses have waited to take them away but they have declined to go. This stolid refusal to budge from the danger zone is partly a reminder of the average Englishman's deep

DE TRISTAN KIDNAPPER CAUGHT

There was a dramatic development yesterday in the Hillsborough (California) kidnapping case when it was reported that the kidnapped child had been recovered.

The kidnapped boy was the three-year-old son of Count Marc de Tristan, who was snatched from his nurse near his home on Friday.

It is now reported that the boy was recovered unharmed by two deer-stalkers who overpowered the kidnapper. The latter is said to have been arrested.—Reuter.

"Vigilantes"

"Vigilantes," aroused by the kidnapping of three-year-old Marc de Tristan for whom a \$100,000 ransom was demanded, yesterday overpowered and captured in the course of a State-wide hunt the as yet unnamed kidnapper and rescued the baby unharmed.

Mountaineers on a lonely mountain road in Placerville County, California, hundreds of miles from the scene of the kidnapping, stopped a car and inquired the occupant's business.

The kidnapper drew a gun but the mountaineers overpowered and captured him.

of his own home and partly evidence of how little these nightly bombings have shaken the nerve of those who are victims of its fiercest spite.

Mr. Macdonald concluded: "If our armies were engaged around you with the enemy you would not hesitate to give whatever shelter and succour lay in your power to our soldiers. But these London citizens are soldiers. They are front-line troops. They are our comrades who have shown coolness and valour under fire.

They have been in battle like our airmen and our sailors and our men of Calais and Dunkirk. And that serene spirit has already inflicted a defeat on the enemy, sustain and succour them. We are all in this business together and it is by the firm union of the whole nation that our cause will prevail." — British Wireless.

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WINDSOR HOUSE FROM THAMES TO NILE

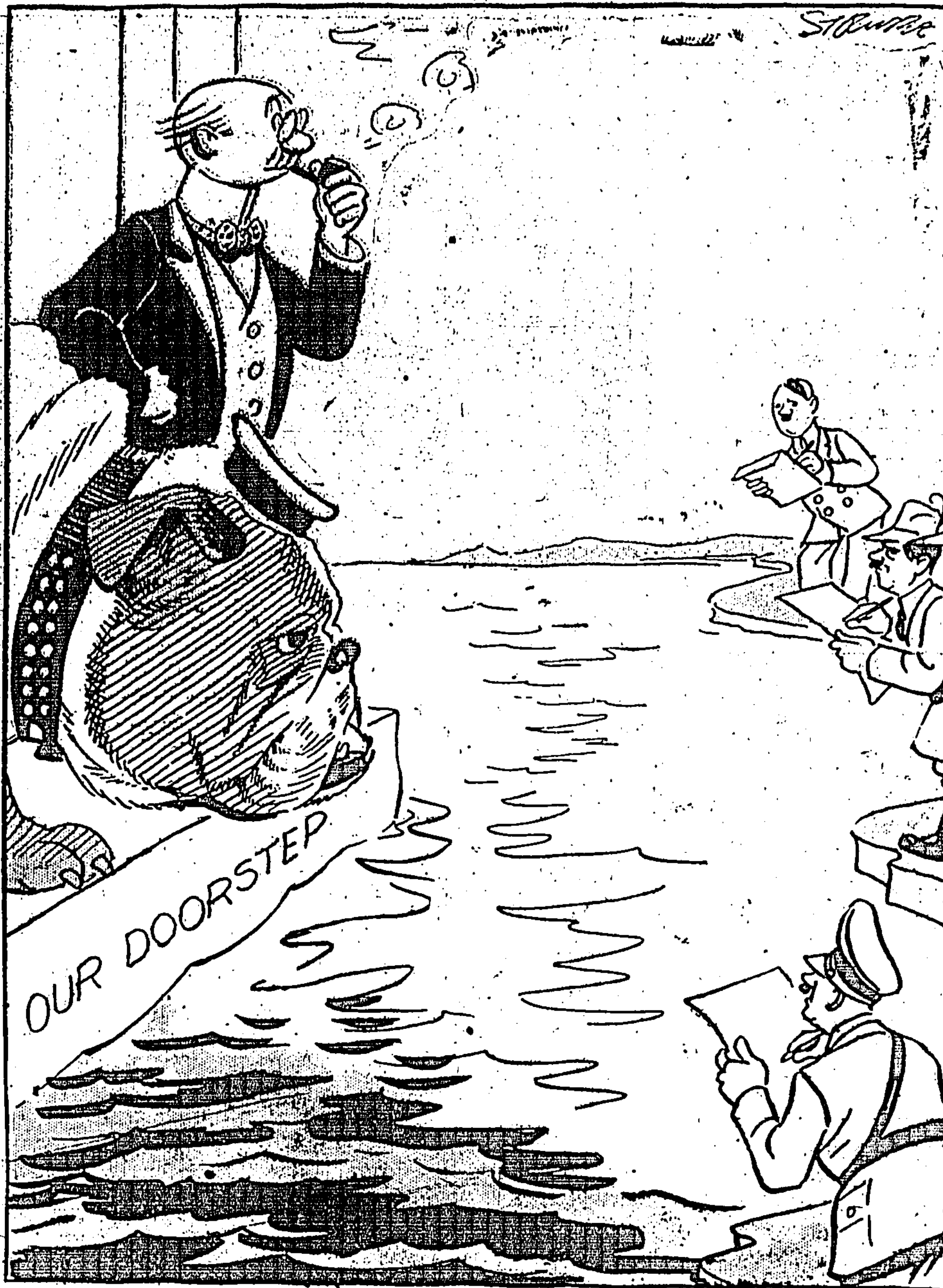
It is too easy to think of Britain's struggle against the totalitarians as merely a fight to defend the British Isles. News of the Italian offensives in Africa is a reminder that the struggle reaches as far as British power. The Battle of Britain is also the Battle of the Empire.

The "tight little island" remains the citadel, and London is warning the British not to be distracted by Axis moves in Africa. These include Italian drives from Libya into Egypt, from Italian East Africa into British Somaliland and the appearance of German agents in Dakar, strategic French naval base in West Africa. For Il Duce this is the main show. His hopes of rebuilding the Roman Empire centre on territorial gains in the Mediterranean area.

For both Axis Powers Africa has appeared the most feasible ground for empire-carving. Mussolini considers that so long as Egypt separates Libya and Ethiopia, so long as Britain controls the Suez and Gibraltar, he is a prisoner in the Mediterranean. With France under Nazi control and Turkey apparently immobilised, an Axis victory in Egypt might lead to control of Syria, Palestine, Iraq, and Persia, with oil supplies which could be decisive.

In Africa as in Europe it is a struggle of sea power against land and air superiority. The totalitarians are seeking to take the bases such as Alexandria on which Britain's naval power depends and by air attack cut the sea lanes such as the Gulf of Aden. In the past the desert has been the chief military obstacle and to-day the oases are held by small but experienced and resolute British forces. Only if motor transport and more numerous air forces defeat distance and the desert are the Italians likely to succeed.

But forecasting the military future is almost as useless as trying to guess whether the shift to Africa portends a suspension of plans for invading Britain until further nibbling at the Empire and supply lines has been attempted or whether this is concerted action timed to coincide with the German attack on the British Isles. Probably London does well to counsel



ANOTHER DOORSTEP QUIZ.

"HOW IS YOUR MORALE THIS MORNING?—A BIT SHAKY WE HOPE."

Universal Solidarity

At the end of March a German minister (Dr. Ley) made the following declaration: "War is not a curse; it is a blessing. No country has ever become great except by armed might."

It would be hardly worth while discussing what we are to understand by "great," for the German minister's declaration is an obvious exaltation of brute force. For that very reason it is worth contrasting it with a phrase recently used by a distinguished South American general (General Gomes Monteiro). He was inviting the cooperation of all his compatriots in the programme of national defence, and this is how the Brazilian general expressed what was in his mind: "We must safeguard the conquests of our culture against the virus of imperialism."

There we have two phrases giving expression to two diametrically opposite conceptions. According to the German thesis, war is the highest good, because only Force has any real value. But for civilised nations war is not merely a disaster and a scourge for humanity. War acts like a subtle and dangerous poison. It corrupts and destroys. It arrests the "conquests of culture," because cultural progress is only possible when the body politic is sound and when nations live together in peaceful harmony.

Of recent years the world has grown accustomed to hear the phrase: "peace is indivisible." It required a war to reveal the underlying significance of that phrase. To-day its meaning is contained in a more tragic formula. It is written in letters of blood across the world: "war is indivisible." That this is the cruel truth is obvious when we consider

against distractions. The Battle of Britain may stretch from the Thames to the Nile, but it is likely to be decided in Britain.

der that all the traditional conceptions about neutrality are out of date after only a few months of war. No doubt, neutrality may still survive as a legal instrument in international jurisprudence; but events themselves have assumed the task of showing that that instrument is a broken reed.

In the international field, respect for the law deteriorated progressively. It yielded to the policy of recognising *faits accomplis* in order to avoid war. And it was the avoidance of such wars that made war unavoidable.

England is to-day fighting in Europe as the last defender of Western civilisation, the last champion of social order, the last

Peace? To be sure, everybody wants peace. But never a German peace! A German peace is simply the classification of nations into two grades; in the one, The Superior People—the Germans; in the other, The Inferior Peoples—the rest of humanity.

The American peoples have never admitted the doctrine of a State of Superior Race, of a Chosen Nation. Nor has the British people ever adhered to such doctrines which, in their practical effect to-day, merely mean that from now onwards international law will cease to exist. It will be replaced by German Right.

What is meant by this is apparent from every declaration made by all German leaders. Right in the German sense is what is useful for the Reich. According to this German thesis, any action which is conceived as being of use to the German people is raised to the dignity of a legal right.

The two Americas are a privileged zone of this earth, where hundreds of millions of human beings ask no better than to live and work in peace. These nations, as every Englishman knows, have taken as their ideal the moral and spiritual progress of their peoples. They have no base ambitions. But if the Third Reich, with its doctrine of German Right, succeeds in reducing the whole of Europe to slavery, what moral law remains to safeguard the people of America? Where is the juridical sanction that will protect them?

There is only one possible safeguard, and that is a solidarity which envisages not merely the defence of the country, but the defence of a common civilisation.

That American solidarity cannot but reach out, almost involuntarily, beyond the confines of the American continent, because war to-day is perforce indivisible. Indeed international sentiment between civilised peoples is already a fact, surpassing any juridical conceptions. The moral union of all peoples belonging to Western civilisation already exists.

ITALY IN AFRICA

If Italian writers had not been so frank about Italy's intentions in the war, it might be difficult to discover any coherent purpose in what has actually been done. She has occupied Kassala, Gallabat and Kurmak in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and on July 15 she entered the frontier post of Moyale, on the Abyssinian-Kenya frontier, which she had surrounded for five days. All these events represent successes; and no useful purpose is served by denying it. Moyale, the last of the series, was held by only a company of the King's African Rifles, and it held off and inflicted heavy loss upon a force which cannot have been far short of a brigade.

Nevertheless, each of these operations showed skill and resolution, even if the moral advantage remains with the smaller forces which caused the Italians considerable casualties before withdrawing. Italy has gained prestige and is naturally informing the world.

How do these operations stand in relation to her declared object? She was to attack the "nerve centres" of the Mediterranean; but none of these places

By "Strategicus"

is anywhere near the Mediterranean or can, by any flight of imagination, be described as a "nerve centre" of anything. They are simply small posts on an immensely long frontier.

It is true that, on July 18, the Italians claimed that they were "pursuing" the troops who had broken out of Moyale by "land and air forces." But a strip of rough and waterless country some 60 miles deep fringes the Kenya frontier and it has few and poor roads. There seems to be no purpose in "pursuing" across that insulated belt even if the Italians were not marching away from their supplies towards a British concentration. But, if this seems purposeless, what is to be said of the "capture" of frontier posts in the Sudan? A strong, well-found expedition, prepared for an advance of 250 miles, might reach an objective worth having; but there is no sign that Italian East Africa, now cut off from Italy, has the resources for such operations.

The declared objective is Egypt with the command of the canal.

If we are to assume that the declared Italian objective is the real one, the operations may have a certain coherence. An attack upon Egypt involves the cooperation of land, sea and air forces. The Royal Air Force has established in the Mediterranean the same personal ascendancy which is so great an asset in England and its quality may make up for the numerical inferiority. The only way Italy can hope to deal with the British Fleet is to defeat it, and no one will be happier than the British Navy if she should choose to fight. There seems no obvious way in which Italy can prevail upon the Navy to disperse itself and, up to the present, she has lost heavily in her efforts to defeat it.

There is, however, a possibility which Graziani may exploit to weaken the third factor in a successful invasion. The British commander has some of the finest troops in the world at his disposal in Egypt. It is probably true that a formidable invasion of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan would lead him to allocate part of his force to that area, and the number of troops available to check an advance from Libya would be weakened to that extent. As I have said, there is no sign, at present, of any such invasion of the Sudan, and short of that it is unlikely that the British commander will detach troops to restore the position on the frontier. The Italian successes mean no more than a check.

In any case, the advance upon Egypt must face obvious risks. The desert road by Siwa is impracticable for any considerable force, the coast road involves 250 miles invitation to the Navy; heavy guns, that is to say, guns of 8 inches and upwards, can shell it; and, of course, it is open to constant interruption.

By
Robert Mackay

warrior for the preservation of human dignity. But England does not feel herself to be alone in the fight. She has behind her the moral support of all free peoples, and not least of the peoples of the American continent.

From the very beginning of the war Germany has regarded England as her greatest enemy. The reason is clear. The leaders of the Reich are fully aware that the British people will never accept as the true faith their belief in the regenerating virtues of Force. England has always opposed heretics of that sort. That is why the British people now feels it has the support of universal opinion; the more so, because the leaders of the Reich make no secret of their intentions to implant their regime of Force in all countries which are still free. In fighting to prevent free peoples being victims of the direct action of Force, England is defending the cause of humanity.

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Boys of the Liverpool Fair school, Newton-le-Willows, are doing their bit for the country. Besides farming activities they are busy pulling down railings in the town for the local Council, which are to be used as scrap. Some of the boys are here seen unloading the scrap. On the dump can be seen the fuselage of an old aeroplane on which they used to receive instruction in elementary flying. (Copyright, Fox).

**SINGING R.A.F.
PILOT FIGHTS
12 HUNS**

"Roll out the barrel, let's have a barrel of fun," warbled the Royal Air Force Flight-Lieutenant, huskily but happily.

His fingers lightly beat time to the tune on the control-bar of the great Blenheim bomber, as it roared into the vivid sunlight sixty miles out over the North Sea.

His machine was one of three from a crack bomber squadron, out on a reconnaissance flight — one of those routine jaunts, which so often have unexpected developments, as this one did.

This 22-year-old pilot was staggered, then pulled up, and always in his happiest mood when stalled, with smoke pouring from he was out on a stunt—and he it in volumes.

"Roll out the barrel—" "Enemy fighters," suddenly yelled the look-out man. The song froze on the pilot's lips, but the happy smile did not leave his youthful face. He still smiled when white tracer bullets streamed down on the bomber from the rear a few seconds after the look-out man's warning. Nazi fighters were roaring down "out of the sun"—a favourite form of aerial attack, as observation is extremely difficult directly in the sun's rays.

There were twelve Messerschmitts, and they attacked the bomber from all angles. The Flight-Lieutenant had grimly to admit that he had been caught napping. The Blenheim was up against it with a vengeance. Grabbing his control-bar firmly, he pulled up into a climbing turn, all but ramming a Messerschmidt that was making for him. The Blenheim dived just in time, and the Nazi machine pulled up at the same moment, its under-carriage wheels almost skimming the bomber's wings.

**No Sign Of Other
Bombers**

The Flight-Lieutenant put his plane into a tight turn, and looked round for his other two bombers. He could see no sign of them. The smile faded from his face. But now he had to think about his own machine, his crew, himself. He was in a jam, and he knew it. He realised that the twelve enemy fighters were diving on him in six relays of two each, the one diving on his tail, and the other attacking from the flank. Every time they came near enough, the game Blenheim gunners gave them a burst of fire.

After a few minutes the lone bomber's rear gunners got in a volley that spelt doom for one of the Messerschmitts. It seemed to

Then a jet of flame sprang from the fuselage, ran right along it, and the machine swirled over and over, enveloped in flame and smoke, to crash eventually into the sea, far below.

Now, Nazi airmen are mainly the product of the Hitler Youth Movement. Nazi pilots—as we all know full well—have bombed harmless refugees, women and children, hospitals and non-military objectives. The loss of one of their number had a most disheartening effect on the remaining eleven Messerschmitts. They sheered off for a brief spell, watching the twelfth machine crash to its doom, thus giving the Blenheim time for a much-needed breather. But the high spirits of the bomber's crew never flagged for one moment.

"Jolly Good Fun"

"Jolly good fun—what!" The navigator summed up the situation in a high-pitched yell in the Flight-Lieutenant's right ear. The pilot nodded and grinned. "Roll out the barrel—" he began to sing again. His voice trailed off. The Messerschmitts were buzzing around again like a swarm of hornets.

Two of them roared to attack the British machine, one diving on its tail, the other sweeping the port side with machine-gun fire.

But the pilot of the Nazi plane diving from the rear misjudged his distance, skimmed past the tail of the bomber, and pulled up just in front of it. As the Messerschmidt came into focus, the Blenheim's front gunner pressed his control button. The resultant burst of fire caught the German plane fairly and squarely. It gave a shudder, turned over on its back, and went down in a slow spiral dive.

But ten other Messerschmitts remained, and, although they drew off again, their ardour considerably damped by the loss of another machine, they were still in

**U.S. DESTROYERS
FOR CANADA**

Six of the American destroyers will go into the Royal Canadian Navy and will be manned by Canadians.

They have already arrived in Canadian waters, and the Navy Minister said yesterday that they will be put into service at once and used wherever required.

He also announced that a further draft of 24 officers of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve have arrived in Britain for training. — Reuter.

**LONE BATTALION
ISSUE SETTLED**

The "Doomed Battalion" dispute was satisfactorily settled yesterday in Shanghai according to an S.M.C. spokesman.—Our Own Correspondent.

overwhelming superiority, and a force to be reckoned with. Deciding that this was one of those moments in life when "discretion is the better part of valour," the Blenheim's pilot put his machine into a steep power dive straight for the sea from a height of 10,000 feet.

Stand On Rudder

In a few moments, the bomber was shrieking and bucking, fighting to get out of the dive into which the dauntless pilot was holding it. He was practically standing on his rudder, and the other members of the crew hung in their safety belts.

Two Messerschmitts followed the bomber down, firing an occasional unsteady burst that did no harm. Just as the Blenheim's crew thought that a crash on the heaving surface of the sea was inescapable, the pilot pulled out of the dive a short distance above the water. The two pursuing German planes had already pulled out, and now followed the tough Blenheim with the greatest caution. When, however, the bomber's rear gunner let go the contents of his last drum, and turned the wing of one of the German planes into a sieve, they gave up the chase.

Then the irrepressible Flight-Lieutenant laconically took his machine home, reaching his squadron's base in time for tea. The Blenheim's fuselage and wings were full of bullet holes, but no vital part had been damaged.

"Roll out the barrel, we've had a barrel of fun!" chanted the Flight-Lieutenant happily, as he unstrapped his equipment. The Duty Pilot had

GOVERNMENT LIABILITY FOR AIR RAID INJURIES

THE GOVERNMENT accepts complete liability for air raid injuries to workers, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, announced yesterday in a broadcast.

The Ministry, she said, had received many enquiries in this connection.

An owner of a shop asked:—
"If I keep open and serve customers during a raid am I liable if anyone is hurt?"

A factory owner enquired:—
"If I allow the men to work when shelters are provided, am I liable for compensation?"

A worker said:—"I am willing to work through the raids, but how about my wife and family if I get hurt? If I don't go to a shelter they will say it was my fault."

Shop-owners and factory-owners are under no liability, Miss Wilkinson said. The Government will look after casualties and dependants with all the sympathy and support due to those who stand by their country on the eve of triumph.

The Government does not want workers to run foolhardy risks, but any needless stoppage of work acts in favour of Hitler.

A leaflet is being brought out explaining the precautions to be taken when workers carry on during alarms. — Reuter.

POLICE CAUTION NOT APPRECIATED

DEFENDANT IN A COMMITMENT CASE BEFORE MR. E. HIMS WORTH AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, CHARGED WITH STEALING IN A DWELLING AND, ALTERNATIVELY, WITH RECEIVING, STUBBORNLY REFUSED TO SIGN THE RECEIVING CHARGE DEPOSITION. HE SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE POLICE HAD BROUGHT THE RECEIVING CHARGE AS HE HAD PLEADED GUILTY TO STEALING.

He was Li Hung, alias Li Yun, 26, and he was charged with stealing a suit case, containing two \$500 notes and jewellery, from No. 59, Cumberland Road on August 28, and, alternatively, with receiving.

Accused pleaded guilty to stealing but was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, said that Mrs. Chan Yin-chan reported the loss of the suit case on the morning of August 29, stating that someone had gained entrance through a window and stolen the case from underneath her bed. He went to the house and saw dirty foot prints on the floor.

Several days later, a Chinese detective, attached to Shamshui-po Police Station, arrested, accused in Prince Edward Road, with a watch, part of the stolen property, on his wrist. He later accompanied the detective to recover one \$500 note from his aunt's home in an unnumbered hut in Tong Mei Village.

The other note and jewellery were not recovered.

ULSTER SENDS CONGRATULATIONS

The Speaker of the Northern Ireland Parliament has sent to Sir Archibald Sinclair congratulations on the work of the R.A.F. at the unanimous request of members.

The Air Minister replied: "The tribute of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland to the gallantry and initiative of the R.A.F. is an encouragement to us all in these stirring and strenuous days. It will be gratefully received by all ranks of the R.A.F." — British Wireless.

PUNISHMENT!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") German and Italian are now compulsory languages in Rumanian schools, the Rumanian Education Ministry announced yesterday. — Havas.

CURATOR WITH BALLOON BARRAGE MAP

The curator of the Birmingham University Geological Museum, William Henry Laurie, 57, was fined £20 at Birmingham for possessing a document containing information about measures for defence.

According to the prosecution, Laurie had plotted out accurately the position of every barrage balloon in the district.

POCKET BISMARCK GOES HOME

Ribbentrop took an affectionate farewell of Mussolini at the Palazzo Venezia last night, prior to his departure from Rome for Germany.

The Axis Powers are keeping fairly "mum" about the scope and results of Ribbentrop's visit to Italy.

Perhaps the Nazi Foreign Minister gave Il Duce a few tips on "How to Deal with the British." He has always thought himself an expert on that subject.

"Perhaps, again he gave the Italians a 'pep-talk.' A hint that a 'pep-talk' may be needed was given in Mussolini's own paper, 'Popolo d'Italia,' yesterday.

Lofty Phrases

After a few lofty phrases about the war being a "transfer of the Fascist revolution to the imperial sphere," the paper says that the Italian people are living through the war and following the exploits of their sons with "emotion and enthusiasm."

It is possible, however, the paper continues, that some sections of the populace are not of this opinion, but they must be looked for not only among the main people but among certain narrow circles.

It is difficult to say just how narrow these circles are, but it is interesting to have the assurance of Mussolini's own paper that they exist! — Reuter.

DANGER OF BOREDOM IN ARMY

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE WAR MINISTER, DESCRIBED YESTERDAY PLANS FOR THE WELFARE DURING THE WINTER OF THE VAST ARMY QUARTERED IN BRITAIN WHILE IT WAITED TO FIGHT THE OFFENSIVE BATTLES WHICH LAY AHEAD.

This programme would include the welfare of foreign contingents in Britain.

The Army would be doing hard active training and the general objective was to make sure that in its leisure hours it had comforts and distractions.

The Army Education Corps was being increased with a view to a more vigorous attack upon boredom and to imagination.

Entertainments were being organised on a large scale, including drama, vaudeville, cinema and radio. Local hospitality was being arranged and a very wide organisation had been built up for the provision of personal comforts. — British Wireless.

BOMBER OVER MALTA

A small number of enemy fighters and bombers flew over Malta yesterday morning, states a communique. Bombs destroyed several houses and killed one civilian. — Reuter.

Bombs Drop In Country Districts

THERE WAS NO enemy air activity on a large scale yesterday although isolated aircraft crossed the east and south-east coasts from time to time, states an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique.

Some of these penetrated inland over East Anglia and a few reached London. Bombs were dropped in country districts in the south-east and districts in London.

A number of houses were hit and some damage caused to gas and water mains, while a small number of people were reported killed and injured. One enemy was shot down during the day.

ROME'S PARROT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

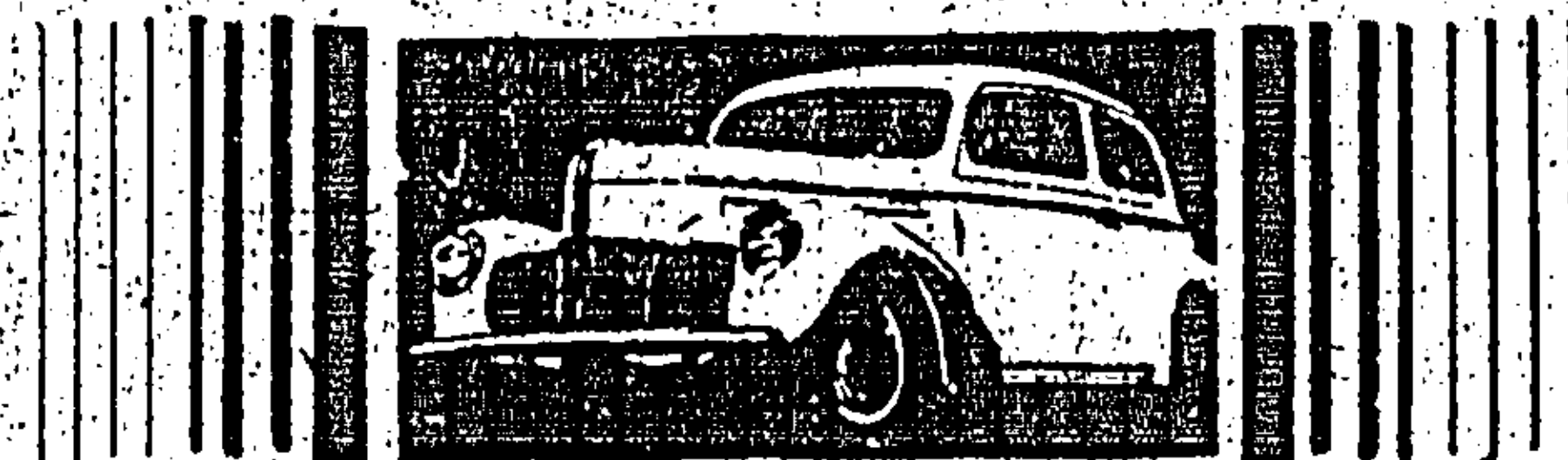
"We must return for all time to that place where our flag once flew, where the voice of Spain was once heard," Miguel Primo de Rivera, brother of the late founder of the Spanish Falange Party and Dictator of Spain, stated in a public speech in Madrid yesterday. He added: "We will state ourselves satisfied only when our demands are all satisfied." — Havas.

As the air raid warning was sounded in London yesterday afternoon, the sound of gunfire was heard in Central London, but no incidents were reported.

Four bombs fell in south-east London during this raid. They fell in an area already devastated in previous bombings. A number of shops in north-west London were demolished during a raid last night when one of the raiders appeared out of thick cloud and, after diving, released a stick of high explosive bombs.

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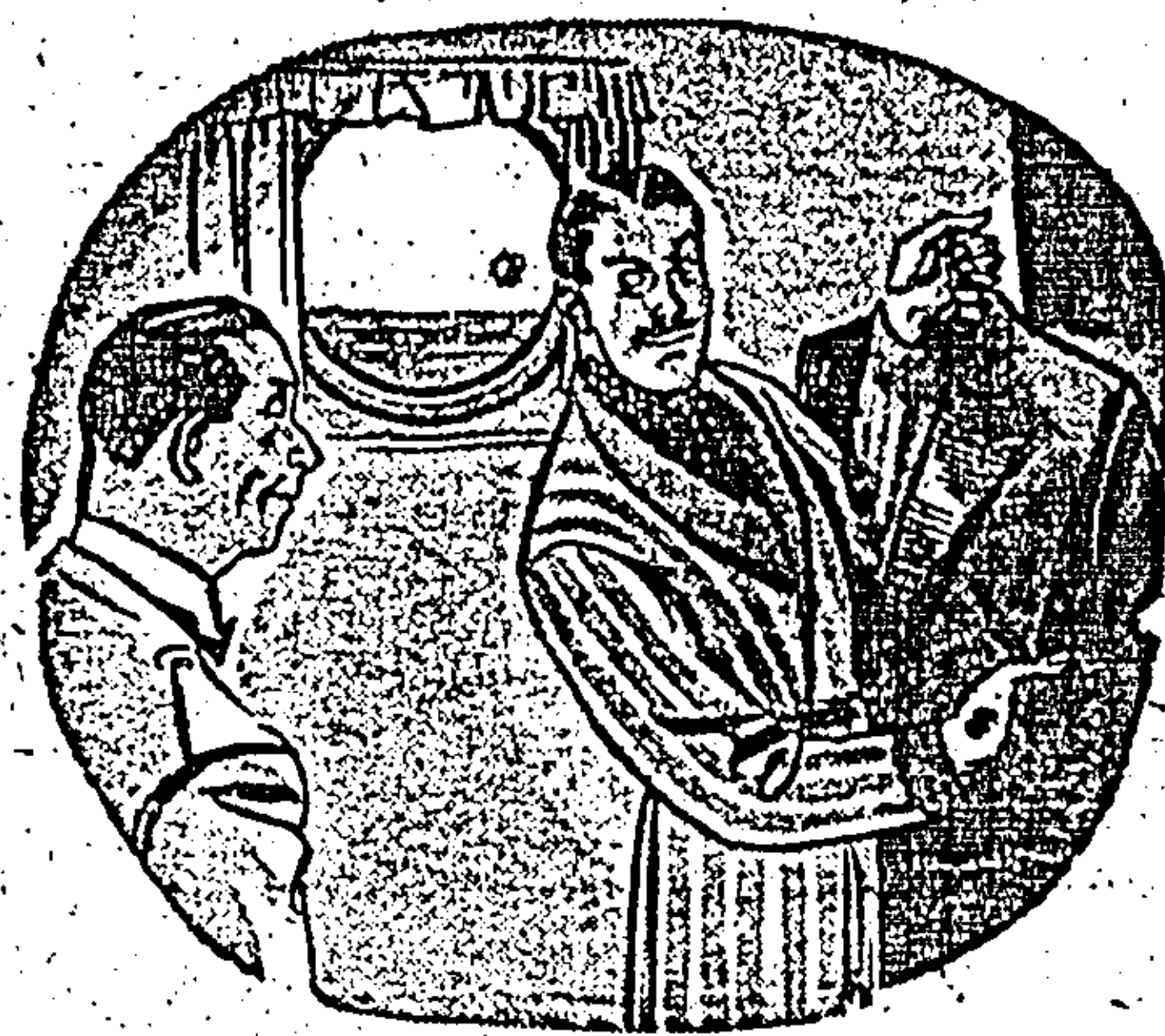
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"I see. And what did I do next?"

"You sang some songs, Sir. Greatly appreciated they was. Some of the crew asked me if you'd be so good as to write out the words."

"I'll have to think about that, Steward. So altogether it was a pretty mazy night?"

"There's been nothing like it on the South China Sea, Sir, since the Purser

won the Irish Sweep. All the other gentlemen are confined to their bunks, Sir. They say it was the lobster mayonnaise."

"Lobster grandmother! Why didn't they stick to gin and Rose's as I did? I haven't got a hangover."

"You're not the first gentleman I've heard say that about Rose's Lime Juice. Not by a long chalk."

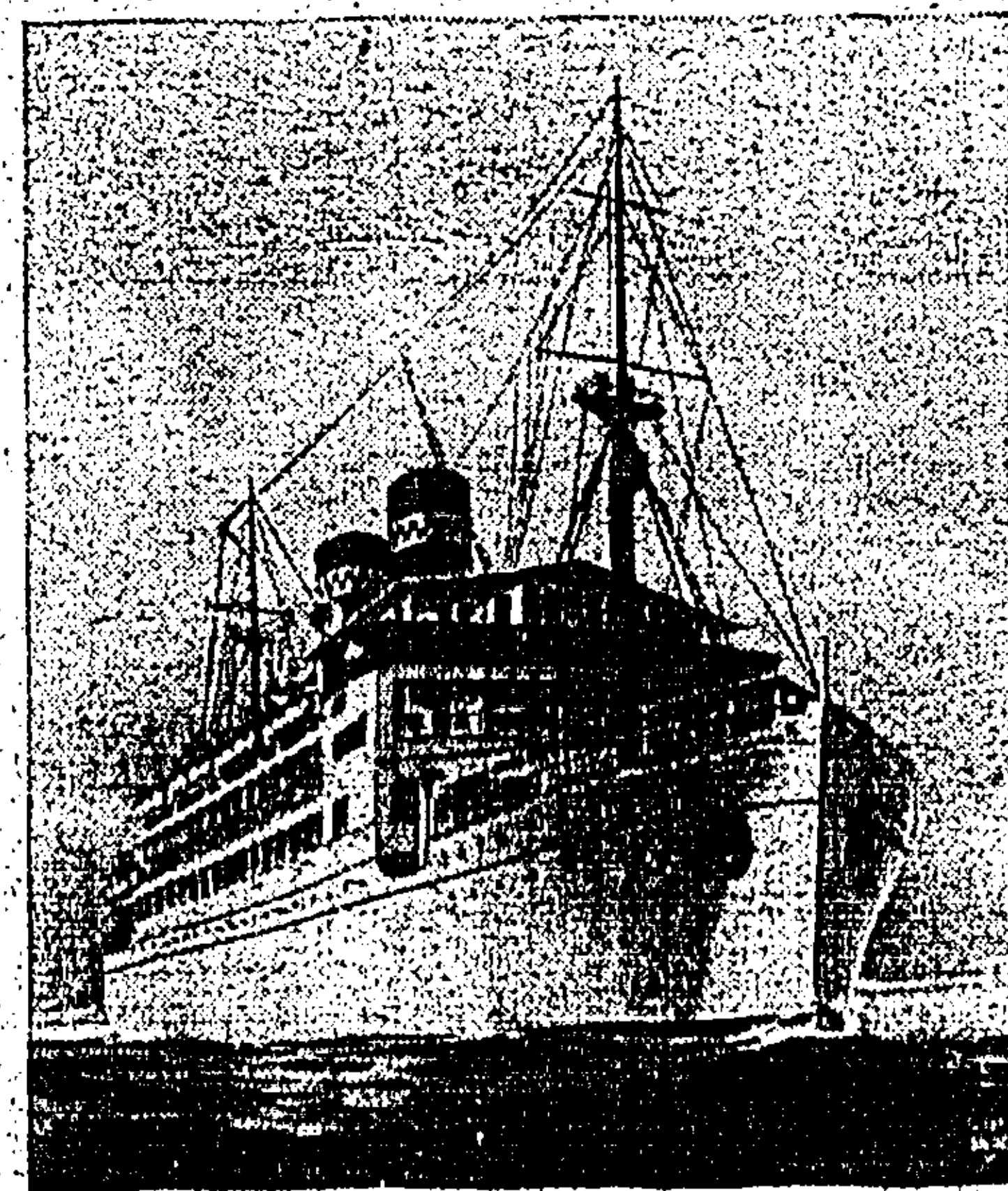
"Good. And now I think I could do with an eye-opener — a nice stiff gin and Rose's. I suppose the sun is over the yardarm?"

"Sir, the sun is permanently over the yardarm in the South China Sea."

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WINNING CONTRACT

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A FATAL LEAD

This hand would go into Thursday's "crime" series, except that the crime is obvious when all four hands are seen. Yet many players would be guilty of West's error:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K 7 4
♥ A K J 10 7
♦ 8
♣ 10 9 6 2
♠ Q 10 8
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ A 5 4
♣ K Q J
N
W
E
S
♠ A J 9 8 6 5 2
♥ Q 8
♦ K Q J
♣ A

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West's correct lead against a game contract in spades would have been the King of clubs, but it was a fatal error to lead it against the slam contract.

South won with the Ace of clubs and drew two rounds of trumps, annoyed but not in despair over the unfortunate break. He then began the hearts and managed to discard all the diamonds by the time that West was able to ruff.

We can draw a merciful curtain over East's remarks on his partner's Slam leads, but the substance of them was this: When you have a pretty sure trump trick grab whatever else you can get while the grabbing's good.

West could rely on South's jump rebid to show at least two of the three spade honours, and therefore should have counted on winning a trump trick. Hence he should have opened the Ace of diamonds to make sure of the setting trick before it got away from him.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ A 5 4
♣ K Q J

The bidding:

Burnside	You	Schenken	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

What did you lead?

ANSWER: Lead the diamond Ace. (This lead is discussed in today's article).

Score 100% for the diamond Ace, 30% for the club King, 0 for any other lead.

QUESTION NO. 522

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner; and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 8 2
♥ 9 5
♦ 6 5
♣ A Q 10 7 4

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Burnside
1♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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CHARGE OF FRAUD

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. this morning, Li On-kee, 38, master of the Kong Wo Lam Import and Export Agency, and Fan Shek, 38, junk master, were charged with fraudulent conversion of 143 boxes of piece goods, entrusted to them by Lai Ho-ping, travelling trader, on August 27.

Mr. Peter H. Sin appeared for first accused, and Mr. B. C. Hobbs for the second.

Sergeant Evans asked for a week's remand, which was granted.

First defendant was allowed bail of \$1,500, and the second bail of \$1,000.

EMPTY BOAT REVEALED TRAGEDY

A cushion and scarf in a moored canoe, which were recognised by a woman friend, led to the discovery of the body of Ashley Thomas Hamilton Ward, 21-years-old second year medical student, in the River Granta, at Cambridge.

This was stated at the Cambridge inquest, on Ward, whose home was at Harcourt-crescent, Sheffield.

The Coroner, Mr. W. R. Walls, recorded a verdict of "Accidental death from drowning, accelerated by syncope," saying that he probably had a seizure.

Gwendoline Mollie Rice, of King's-parade, Cambridge, said that when going up river in her punt expecting to meet Ward, she noticed the canoe moored to a bush. The cushion belonged to her and the scarf was Ward's.

She thought he was hiding, but was unable to find him.

Ward was located later by George Copley Varley, of Barton Road, Cambridge, who last year recovered the body of another undergraduate drowned in the same river.

PROFITABLE EXCHANGE

THAT THE POLICE HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY INSTRUCTED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS WHO OBTAIN TOBACCO WHICH HAS NOT PAID DUTY IN HONG KONG FROM AMERICAN SHIPS CALLING AT THIS PORT, WAS MENTIONED BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING WHEN MA HONG-CHING, 17, WAS FINED \$40 OR SENTENCED TO ONE MONTH IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF DUTIABLE TOBACCO.

Det.-Sgt. Matches stated that accused, apparently nervous, on seeing an Indian constable in Peking Road on Saturday, got off his bicycle and ran away. The constable chased and arrested him and found three cartons of cigarettes in a basket attached to his bicycle.

It was later established that accused exchanged 12 bottles of beer for the cigarettes on an American ship in harbour. It was a usual practice. Accused could make about \$7 profit out of it.

TWO SONS SAVE FAMILY

A family of nine who escaped from their burning home in Birmingham owe their lives to the prompt action of two sons of the family. The fire was at the home of Mr. William Tomkinson, of Waldron's Moor, King's Heath, Birmingham.

Mr. F. W. Tomkinson, who woke first, said:

"When I woke up the room was full of smoke. I woke up my brother Stanley, and we went to the top of the stairs, but it was impossible to breathe there. We opened the window and my younger brother Howard, who is 11, climbed down a rope of knotted blankets.

"Stanley climbed down the drain pipe to help him to safety and then came back to me and we went to our parents' room and tied a rope of blankets to the bed rail. Mum and Dad went down the rope in the same way as Stanley had done. Then we went into the front bedroom where my four sisters were sleeping.

"The two elder jumped out of the window and the young ones climbed down another rope of blankets. We were only just in time."

Minnie, the eldest girl, who is 19, sprained her ankle, but the rest of the family escaped with minor cuts, bruises and burns.

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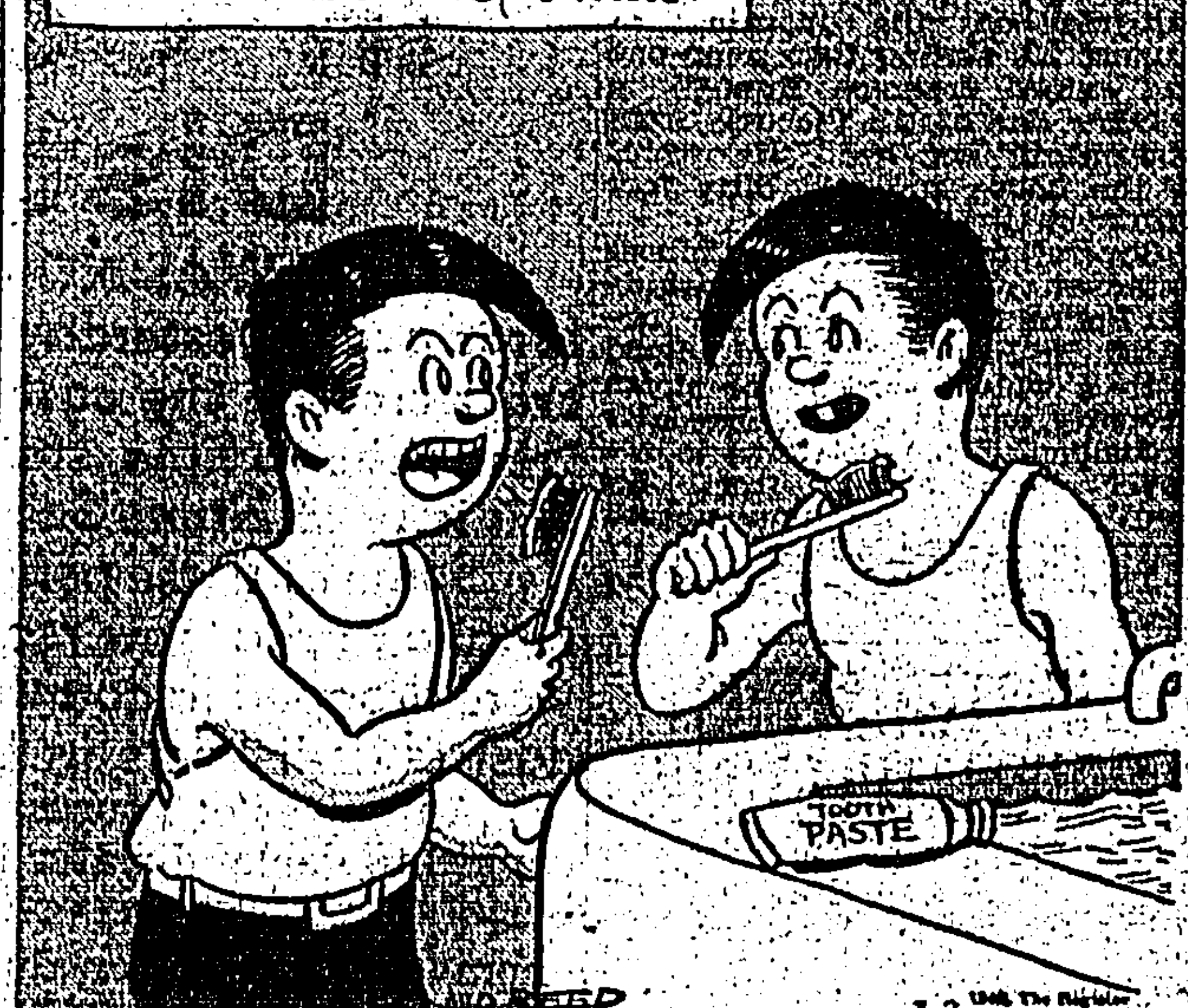
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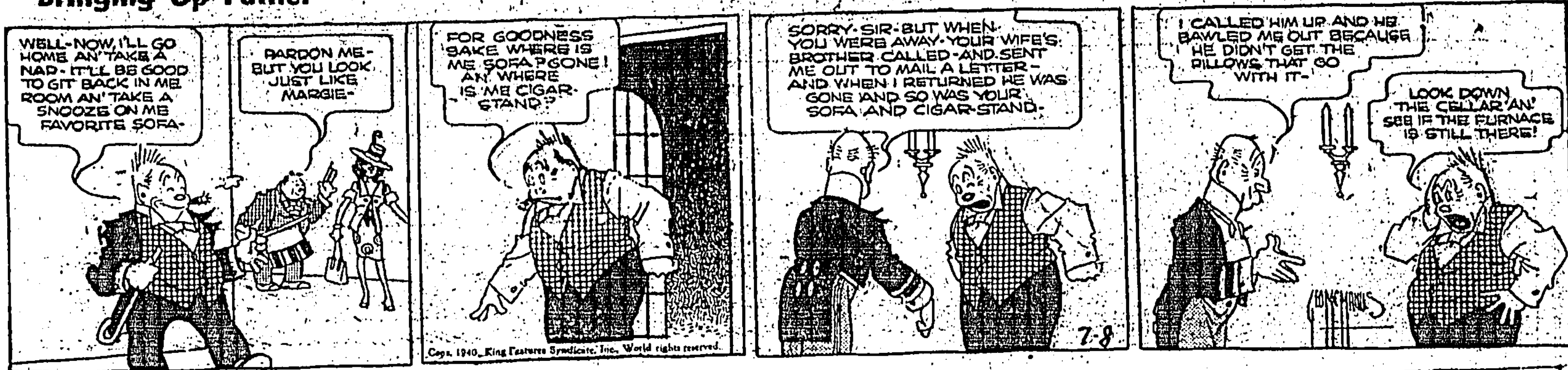
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Nail Biting Habit

Many men have called to my attention the unlovely habit of biting fingernails and they have urged me to shame female culprits into desisting.

It is quite understandable when a young child bites his nails, and the wise parents will get to the root of what causes him to do it without delay. He may be very nervous, lacking an essential in his diet, or living in fear of something. Patience and care will cure him in a short time.

But when a girl over twelve years of age bites her nails, or a woman, and continues to do so after her attention is called to the habit, nothing can help but her own sheer will power. As a child she may have had a case of nerves or a deficiency, but she is old enough to investigate the trouble and correct it. No amount of offered rewards will cure her of the beauty-robbing habit—it is up to her alone to desist.

Why Do You Do It?

If you bite your nails you should ask yourself three questions:

1—Are you nervous and why are you nervous? 2—Is it just a habit which you enjoy? 3—Are you lacking something in your life which you terribly desire?

If you are nervous don't waste another day until you find out what is making you nervous. If you are not healthy, sacrifice some pleasure and go pay a physician to tell you what to do about the condition. If you are a chronic worrier take yourself in hand and stop worrying. Biting your finger-nails doesn't help the situation any—in fact the odds are more against you if you do. It is simply ridiculous for a grown girl or woman to sit chewing and tearing her nails because all may not be serene in her life. Face the trouble and do something about it. Don't be a jellyfish, for no man (and very few women) has patience with a spineless female!

If for some inexplicable reason you enjoy biting your finger-nails and seeing them torn down to your cuticle and of the most unlovely shape, then you should be soundly and thoroughly spanked! Why not take to tearing out your hair for enjoyment, or pulling out your eyelashes one by one? Either habit would be no more torturous for others to watch, than biting your nails, and you might just as well go around without eyelashes as without fingernails as far as your beauty rating is concerned.

If you answer the third question in the affirmative, and you do terribly want something which you cannot seem to get, you must be the brave little lady and make the best of it. Reaching for stars is not always satisfactory. Perhaps what you have not got, yet desire so terribly, isn't really worth fussing about. You are probably piqued over someone or something without which your life will be just as enjoyable—perhaps more so. Instead of biting your nails in a pout, sit down and cleverly plan to get a substitution for the missing thing, or missing someone, which will dim the other into obscurity. Exquisite hands with well-cared-for tapering nails will certainly get you more in life than chewed-off stubs which tell all the world that something definitely is lacking in your character—and most persons will assume it is will-power.

To Remind You

There is a preparation which sells for a few cents which is bit-



Wise beauties keep their nails nicely-shaped and groomed and prettily accented by rich, lovely shades.

ter-as gall. This you paint be-the best thing I know of to help you with your problem, other than your own determination to let bite you are reminded of your your nails grow and to keep them odious habit and the taste is bad looking so very attractive that enough to keep you from taking they will be a definite beauty as the second bite. That is about set.

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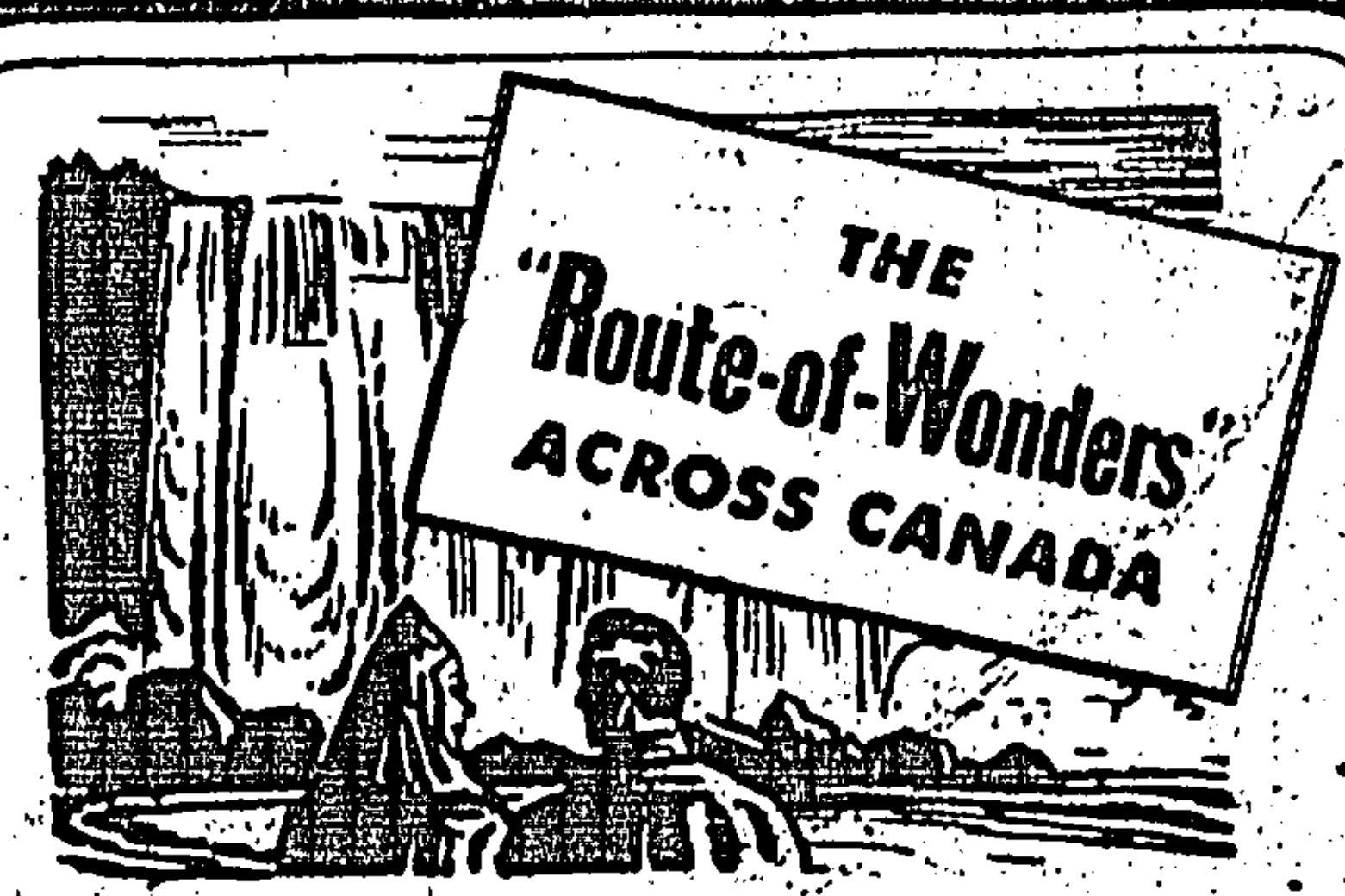
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1.03 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Goss and Quartet.
1.14 p.m.—Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Brahms—Quintet in F Minor Op. 84.
Rudolph Serkin (Piano) and the Busch Quartet.
6.40 p.m.—Four Brahms Songs.
6.50 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.52 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Richard Crooks.
7.20 p.m.—Teresa Casey at the Organ.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Studio—A Saxophone Recital by L. Palapa.
8.27 p.m.—Two Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone).
8.34 p.m.—Dance Music.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
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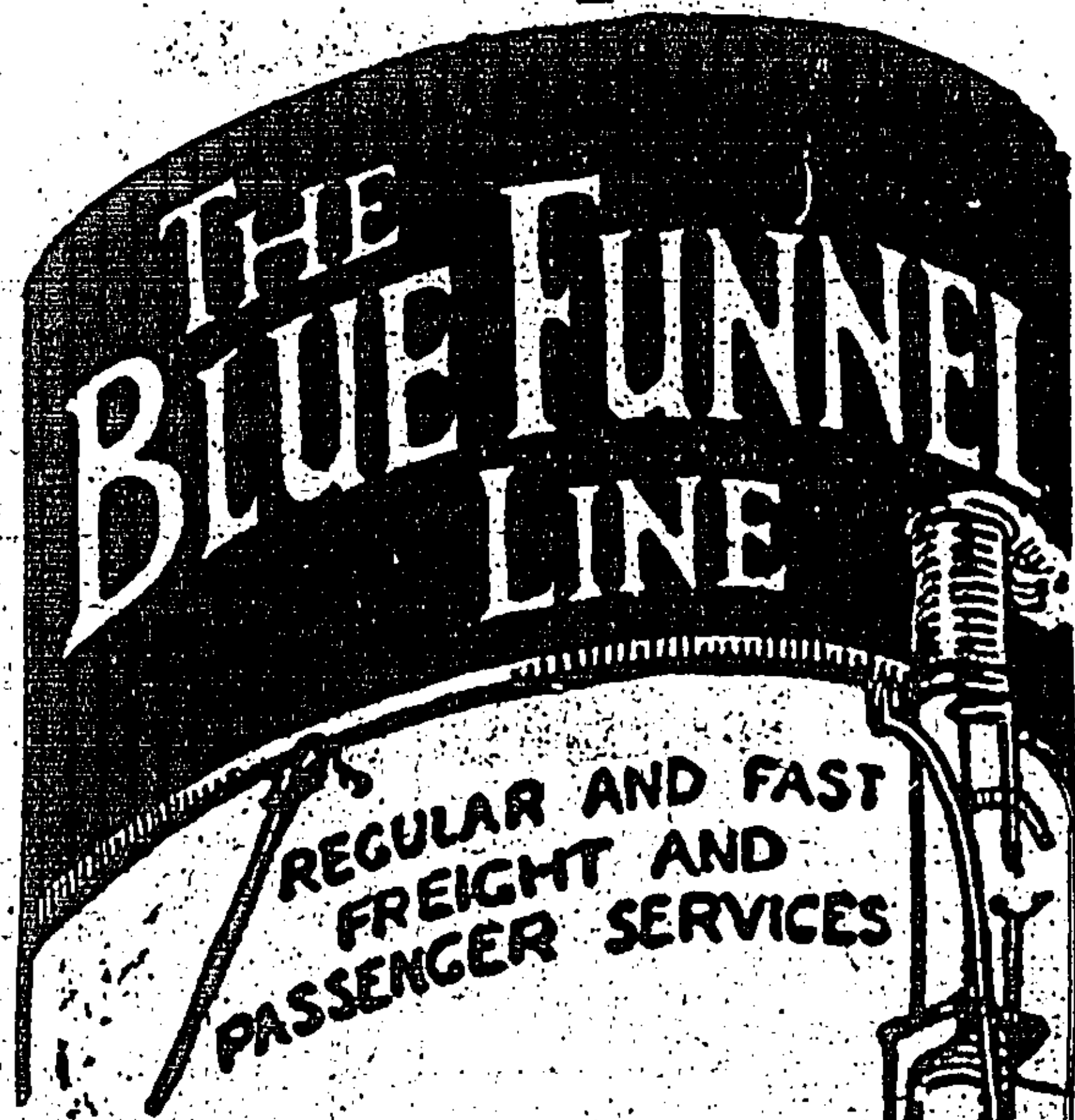
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WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclonic area extends from China to the Pacific east of the Bonins, pressure being highest over Japan. A typhoon appears to be developing in the Pacific to the south of Guam.

KING TO BROADCAST TO-NIGHT

The King is broadcasting to Home and Overseas listeners today (Monday) at 5 p.m. (G.M.T.)—1 a.m. H.K. time.—Reuter.

CHINESE HARBOUR RACE

Close finishes were seen at the Annual harbour race of the South China Athletic Association held at North Point yesterday.

Results were:

- MEN**
1. Young Cheung-wa (34 mins. 49 secs.).
 2. Ho Poon-kun (35 mins. 20 1/5 secs.).
 3. Mak Kun-nam (37 mins.).

- WOMEN**
1. Li Po-luen (38 minutes).
 2. Ho Wai-man (38 mins. 16 secs.).
 3. Au Mei-chuen (40 mins. 9 secs.).
 4. Cheung Man-han.

- BOYS AND GIRLS**
1. Tso Sai-tok (39 mins. 40 secs.).
 2. Ngan Suet-yee (41 mins.).
 3. Chiu Pik.
 4. Yeung On-pong.
- Others who completed the distance were:—Tsui Tat-lau, Pun Hak-kong, Yeung On-pong, Ho Shek-ki, Lin Ming-chi, Lal Lau, Lal Sek-ki, Au Hong-uen, Chiu Yai-fan, Fong Kwok-yiu, Cheung Shu-cho, Ng Wing-yiu, Wong Kwan-lung, So Pak-sing, Wong Yue-yim and Shu Chung-yiu.

HEAD OF PRISONS ROBBED

Major J. L. Willcocks, the Commissioner of Prisons, has reported the theft of his wrist watch, valued at \$50, from his quarters at Stanley on Saturday.

CHOICE FOR JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" declared yesterday that Chu Min-yi, Foreign Minister in the Wang Ching-wei government, is the most likely candidate for the post of first Nanking ambassador in Tokyo. — Havas.

Mrs. Medhurst, of No. 178, Nathan Road, has reported the theft of clothing and a fountain pen from her residence between September 17 and 21.

LONDON CHEERFUL

The Japanese newspaper "Nichi Nichi" yesterday published a despatch from its Berlin correspondent giving an account of a telephone conversation he had had with Mr. Okamoto, who had been a Counsellor at the Japanese Embassy in London. The latter was speaking from Madrid. Mr. Okamoto said Japanese residents in London were well and cheerful. He reported that there were no signs of any intention on the part of the Government to move away from London. London people were calm and trains and buses were running as usual. — British Wireless.

DALADIER TRIAL DATE NEARS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") M. Edouard Daladier, former French Premier, was yesterday transferred from the Chateau Chazeron, where he has been under detention, to Riom, where the French Supreme Court is located. — Havas.

THE "PARIS SOIR" OFFENDS

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Skip's Tables

FOLLOWING ARE the records of all skips in the three Divisions of the Lawn Bowls League.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Up	Dn.	Pts.
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	16	16	0	0	413	230	183	0	32
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	15	13	2	0	318	247	71	0	26
F. X. M. Silva (Rec. "A")	15	13	3	0	349	284	65	0	26
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.)	17	12	4	1	377	287	90	0	26
G. H. Sherriff (K.B.G.C.)	16	11	5	0	362	284	78	0	22
C. S. Rosslet (C.C.C.)	15	10	5	1	353	301	52	0	21
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C.)	17	8	6	3	358	295	63	0	19
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	14	9	5	0	288	262	36	0	18
E. Kern (K.C.C.)	15	8	6	1	297	314	0	17	17
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	16	8	7	1	302	225	77	0	17
R. Baza (C.C.C.)	16	6	7	3	320	290	30	0	16
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	15	7	8	0	315	299	16	0	14
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	15	7	8	0	282	282	0	0	14
J. J. Bazo (Rec. "B")	15	7	8	0	305	341	0	36	14
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	13	5	5	3	254	240	14	0	13
K. S. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	14	6	7	1	273	289	0	16	13
B. Bazo (Rec. "B")	16	6	9	1	332	352	0	20	13
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	9	6	3	0	191	194	0	3	12
H. A. Alves (Rec. "A")	12	6	6	0	256	209	47	0	12
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	11	5	5	1	207	206	1	0	11
F. J. Jones (C.S.C.C.)	11	5	5	1	215	226	0	11	11
J. E. Noronha (Rec. "B")	13	5	7	1	251	257	0	6	11
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	8	5	3	0	174	164	10	0	10
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	13	4	7	2	231	250	0	59	10
G. Duncan (H.K.F.C.)	11	4	6	1	212	211	0	2	9
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	6	3	1	2	114	133	6	0	8
N. J. Bebbington (H.K.F.C.)	16	3	12	1	254	352	0	98	7
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	4	3	1	0	88	66	22	0	6
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	6	3	3	0	117	102	15	0	6
J. McKelvie (K.D.R.C.)	10	3	7	0	169	193	0	24	6
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	10	3	7	0	175	203	0	38	6
J. Orem (P.R.C.)	7	2	4	1	119	153	0	34	5
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	56	54	2	0	4
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	7	2	5	0	114	163	0	49	4
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	11	2	9	0	204	234	0	30	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	12	2	10	0	227	290	0	63	4
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	4	1	2	1	84	82	2	0	3
L. A. Collyer (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	48	37	11	0	2
L. Silva (Rec. "B")	2	1	1	0	38	39	0	1	2
J. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	36	39	0	3	2
R. Minu (I.R.C.)	3	1	2	0	58	64	0	6	2
A. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	8	1	7	0	129	204	0	75	2
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	1	0	21	23	0	2	0
H. G. Wallington (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	9	24	0	15	0
A. Spary (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	9	28	0	19	0
G. C. Moss (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	37	0	23	0
W. Dall (P.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	41	47	0	6	0
G. Perkins (Police)	2	0	2	0	28	51	0	23	0
C. Roza-Pereira (Rec. "B")	2	0	2	0	16	58	0	42	0
W. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	5	0	5	0	69	142	0	73	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Up	Dn.	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K.T.)	17	13	4	0	356	288	66	0	26
H. L. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	14	11	3	0	313	227	86	0	22
J. C. Chalmers (T.C.)	15	10	5	0	338	265	73	0	20
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	15	10	5	0	344	263	81	0	20
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	15	9	4	2	303	299	4	0	20
P. Youngusband (K.F.C.)	14	9	4	1	315	251	64	0	19
W. McNeill (C.C.C.)	10	9	1	0	228	164	64	0	18
J. L. Stephens (K.T.)	13	9	4	0	276	242	34	0	18
R. M. Keown (T.C.)	16	9	7	0	326	276	50	0	18
O. P. Remedios (Rec.)	17	9	8	0	310	327	0	17	18
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	14	7	4	3	309	263	46	0	17
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	13	8	5	0	292	239	53	0	16
D. Munro (T.C.)	16	8	8	0	323	309	14	0	16
E. de Souza (Rec.)	16	7	8	1	293	297	0	4	15
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	13	7	6	0	254	242	12	0	14
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	15	7	8	0	301	287	14	0	14
P. Yvanovich (Rec.)	12	6	5	1	238	242	0	4	13
A. Spary (K.C.C.)	9	6	3	0	184	156	28	0	12
H. Drew (K.B.G.C.)	9	6	3	0	186	169	17	0	12
H. Gittins (K.T.)	11	5	6	0	213	224	0	11	10
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	9	4	4	1	192	149	43	0	9
H. Overy (K.C.C.)	8	4	4	0	158	175	0	17	8
R. R. Davies (H.K.C.C.)	9	4	5	0	157	159	0	2	8
A. H. Bazo (K.T.)	10	3	6	1	185	204	0	19	7
S. Eccleshall (C.S.C.C.)	12	3	8	1	207	259	0	52	7
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	3	0	0	72	48	24	0	6
T. Lock (C.C.C.)	4	3	1	0	91	64	27	0	6
T. Stalton (T.C.)	4	3	1	0	83	71	12	0	6
V. Chittenden (K.F.C.)	7	3	4	0	128	137	0	9	6
B. E. Maughan (H.K.C.C.)	9	3	6	0	153	189	0	36	6
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	10	3	7	0	171	220	0	49	6
W. R. Hillier (C.S.C.C.)	11	3	8	0	183	263	0	80	6
L. Guy (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	1	1	88	70	18	0	5
A. Soutar (P.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	47	38	9	0	4
G. C. Moss (K.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	80	40	40	0	4
W. Harrower (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	2	0	88	60	28	0	4
A. Wright (P.R.C.)	4	2	2	0	80	77	3	0	4
J. C. Aitken (Police)	5	2	3	0	94	100	0	6	4
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	5	2	3	0	91	113	0	22	4
R. Marks (K.C.C.)	7	2	5	0	135	154	0	19	4
J. W. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	9	2	7	0	142	221	0	79	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	12	1	10	1	203	261	0	58	3
W. Hyde (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	30	3	27	0	2

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OMARS EXTENDED IN OPEN PAIRS SEMI-FINAL

THE SEMI-FINALS of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship were played yesterday at Kowloon Bowling Green Club and resulted in H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro beating their club mates, L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro by 21 shots to 14 and the Omars narrowly defeating W. J. Burling and M. Rakusen, of Civil Service Cricket Club, by 22 shots to 19.

Silva and Ribeiro stated off well and at the sixth end scored a four which gave them a 9-2 lead.

	Head	Shots	Total	Shots	Total
L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro	1	1	1	0	0
H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro	2	1	2	0	0
	3	0	2	2	2
	4	1	3	0	2
	5	2	5	0	2
	6	4	9	0	2
	7	0	9	2	4
	8	0	9	2	6
	9	0	9	4	10
	10	0	9	1	11
	11	0	9	1	12
	12	3	12	0	12
	13	0	12	2	14
	14	0	12	1	15
	15	0	12	2	17
	16	0	12	1	18
	17	0	12	1	19
	18	1	13	0	19
	19	0	13	1	20
	20	0	13	1	21
	21	1	14	0	21

Omars Fully Extended

Burling and Rakusen gave the Omar brothers a fright when they scored a four at the 18th head to be led by only 18-19.

W. J. Burling and A. M. Omar

	Head	Shots	Total	Head	Shots	Total
M. Rakusen and U. M. Omar	1	2	2	0	0	0
	2	2	4	0	0	0
	3	0	3	1	1	1
	4	2	5	0	1	1
	5	0	5	5	5	5
	6	0	5	1	7	7
	7	0	5	1	8	8
	8	2	7	0	8	8
	9	2	9	0	8	8
	10	6	9	3	11	11
	11	0	9	1	12	12
	12	0	9	2	13	13
	13	0	9	2	15	15
	14	2	11	0	15	15
	15	3	14	0	15	15
	16	0	14	3	18	18
	17	0	14	1	19	19
	18	4	18	0	19	19
	19	0	18	2	21	21
	20	1	19	0	21	21
	21	0	19	1	22	22

Goscombe-O'Sullivan Bowls Results

Following were the results of the Second Round of the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup Lawn Bowls matches played at the Police green yesterday:—

Police P.W.D. "C"
W. McLeod W. A. Cornell
(Continued at foot of next Col.)

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Up	Dn.	Pts.
J. Prentice (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	31	12	19	0	2
W. Penny (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	30	11	19	0	2
R. H. Wild (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	31	13	18	0	2
J. C. Gill (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	26	14	12	0	2
A. A. Razaak (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	24	13	11	0	2
A. A. Remedios (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	19	10	9	0	2
V. N. Atienza (K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	22	17	5	0	2
E. W. Simmons (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	42	35	7	0	2
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	36	34	2	0	2
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	37	36	1	0	2
E. Kirman (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	32	47	0	15	2
G. E. Costello (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	4	0	77	118	0	41	2
A. M. Rodrigues (Rec.)	3	1	2	0	78	63	15	0	2
W. Glendinning (P.R.C.)	4	1	3	0	57	86	0	29	2
W. E. Hollands (P.R.C.)	7	0	5	2	96	185	0	89	2
A. B. Allen (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	3	1	61	98	0	37	1
G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	20	22	0	2	0
J. Henson (K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	21	0	3	0
W. Ward (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	18	0	4	0
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	16	23	0	7	0
A. W. Ramsey (K.C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	16	26	0	10	0
A. W. Smith (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	15	25	0	10	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	28	0	14	0
W. B. Fraser (P.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	12	28	0	16	0
A. E. Coates (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	9	25	0	16	0
J. Purvis (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	13	32	0	19	0
J. McWalter (P.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	8	34	0	26	0
A. Stevens (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	10	45	0	35	0
C. M. Alves (Rec.)	2	0	2	0	25	46	0	21	0
G. S. Archbutt (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	19	45	0	26	0
H. Brown (P.R.C.)	4	0	4	0	60	83	0	23	0
L. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	4	0	4	0	52	106	0	54	0
I. S. Riddell (P.R.C.)	4	0	4	0	43	109	0	66	0

FOOTBALL

Navy Stage Late Rally to Beat Police

O'Regan Scores Two Goals In Last Minutes

Taylor And Parker Are Prominent For Losers

By "Sportshawk"

TWO QUICK GOALS by O'Regan in the last 10 minutes gave Navy a narrow victory over Police in their First Division football match at Boundary Street yesterday when they won by the odd goal in three, after being one goal down at the interval.

Navy were without several of their last year's players, among whom were Robinson, the Colony Interporter, Nichols, Thoburn and Le-Page, but their positions were ably filled by Giff, Croft and Allison.

They were best served by Honeywell, former Colony Interporter, who played a magnificent game at right-half. Roughley was in great form in the defence, while O'Regan and Hendy were their outstanding forwards.

Taylor, in goal for Police, played a good game, saving several almost certain goals. Parker was the mainstay in the defence and North was prominent among the halves, while Howlett and Ferrier were their dangerous forwards. Gordan was, however, not comfortable in his position and apparently was over-eager when in possession.

Navy attacked most in the first period but were met with a stubborn Police resistance and were unable to score.

After a good movement, Police drew first blood through Ferrier when he deflected a powerful grounder from the right-winger, Wong Man-kwai, at point blank range.

Mid-field play was the feature for the most part of the second half and both sides were unable to score.

It looked as if Navy would be unable to force a draw after 25 minutes' play had finished. However, they recovered their best form in the closing stages and equalised through O'Regan, who headed in a beautiful goal from a high centre from Phippen.

within three minutes O'Regan scored the deciding goal from a corner kick by Phippen.

NAVY—Giff, Roughley and Honeywell; Honeywell, Croft and Britt; Phippen, Allison, Hendy, O'Regan and Bourne.

POLICE—Taylor; Parker and Blackburn; Pope, Gough and North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Gordan, Ferrier and Moss.

Ordnance Beat Police

In a Second Division match Police were beaten by Ordnance by three clear goals at Boundary Street yesterday, after being led by one goal in the first half.

R.A.O.C. scored their goals through Emberson, Roberts and Gardener.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION
Police 1 Navy 2
(Ferrier). (O'Regan 2).

SECOND DIVISION
Police 0 Ordnance 3
(Emberson, Roberts and Gardener).

THIRD DIVISION
36th R.A. 12 A.S.A. 1
Whitmore (4), Kapusheff.
Fisher (4);
Evans, Jones,
Woolridge (2).
R.A.S.C. 1 Shell 1
Brown. Ablong.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship:

At Kowloon B.C.C.
L. F. Xavier v A. Eastman
Y. S. Tang v C. G. Silva
At Kowloon P.C.
J. C. Remedios v J. C. Gill
J. N. Wong v H. White
R. Morrison v A. E. Carey
At Craigengower
A. Branksbank v A. Morton
S. E. Eccleshall v E. C. Fincher
W. Harris v F. J. Jones
At Civil Service
R. F. Luz v G. Perkins
C. S. Rosset v C. Gowland
J. E. Hayward v W. Hong Sling
At Kowloon Docks
W. L. Walker v W. V. Field
At Police R.C.
C. W. Lam v M. F. Alarcon
J. H. Gelling v H. E. Strange
W. R. Hillyer v W. Ward

VOLUNTEER BOWLS

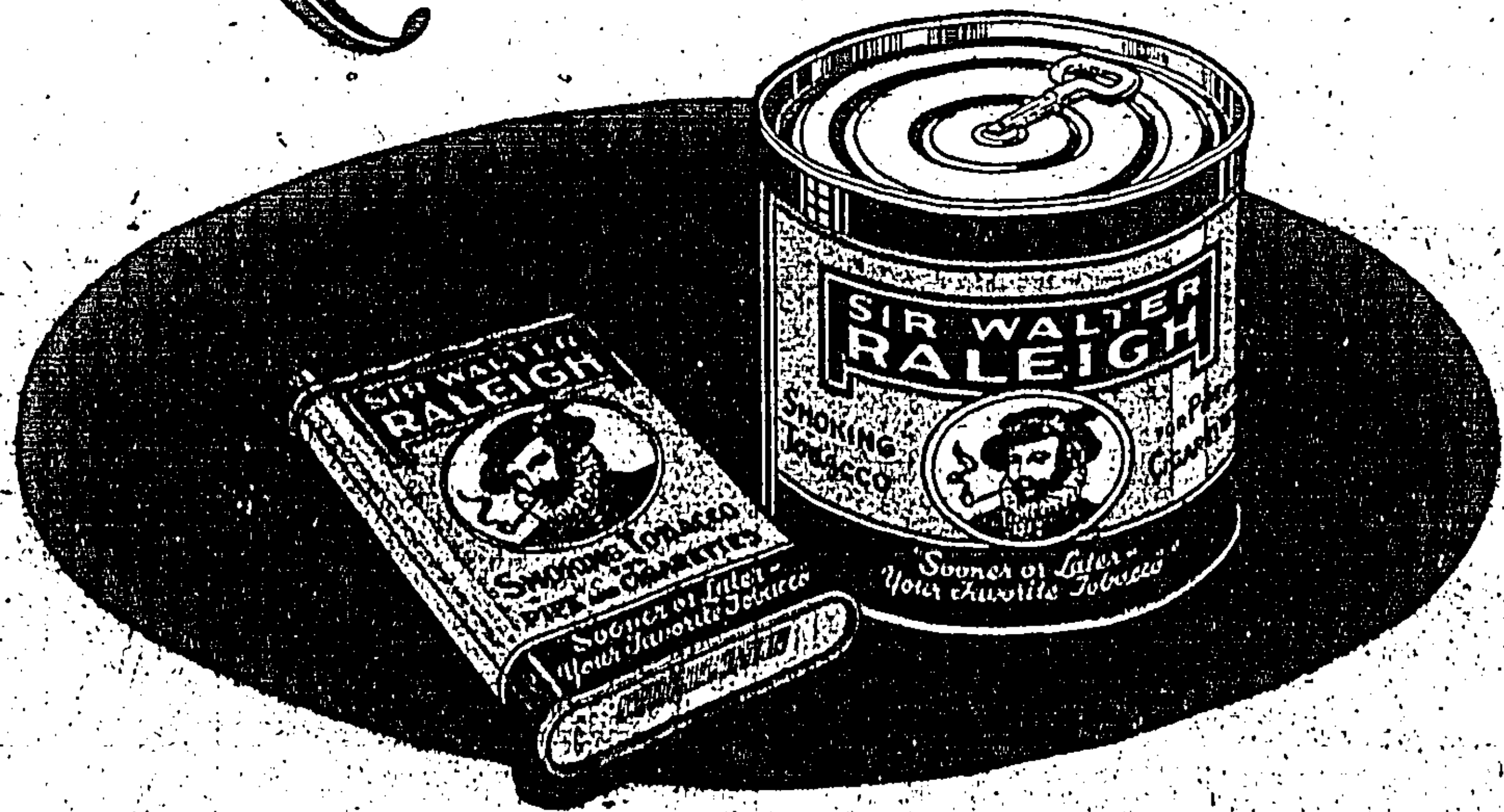
At Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, No. 3 Company H.K.V.D.C. beat Field Ambulance in a Lawn Bowls match by 22 shots.
No. 3 M.G. Coy. Field Ambulance
D. Hung R. Leigh

W. Rapley S. A. Remedios
T. A. Madar A. F. Noronha
E. Zimmern S. Eccleshall
(Skip) 21 (Skip) 14
A. Zimmern A. A. da Roza
F. Zimmern H. Higgs
N. A. E. Mackay A. M. Rumjahn
T. Lock A. M. Rodrigues
(Skip) 28 (Skip) 13
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FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

A meeting of the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association will be held in the Association's offices on Wednesday next at 5.30 p.m. The most important items on the agenda concern Eastern's failure to field a team yesterday in their First Division game against Sing Tao, and Eastern's application for withdrawal from Second Division.

Should Eastern be permitted to withdraw from Second Division it is understood that several Service teams will be prepared to take over their fixtures in order not to cause a complete revision of the fixture list.

E. C. Ford, first class Army referee, has registered with Hong Kong Football Association and will be seen in action next week.

Chow Kam-woon, who played for South China many years ago, has undertaken the coaching of the South China teams this season.

Emmons, who has just arrived in the Colony, has done a great deal of refereeing at Home and is soon registering with Hong Kong Football Association.

Hsu King-seng, captain and pivot, and Kong Sing-king, full-back, are the only two players of Eastern's winning Senior Shield team who have again signed up for their old Club.

Tsol Chau-ling, H. Y. Hyui and Y. S. Lin, former Lido players from Shanghai, who have been transferred to Hong Kong, will arrive during the week. Prior to leaving Shanghai they communicated with Eastern informing that Club of their desire to play for Eastern.

Eastern and St. Joseph's are meeting in a friendly game on Wednesday next at Caroline Hill.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's "A" Division Tennis League programme:
S.C.A.A. v H.K.U.T.C.

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Evacuee Ship Torpedoed 600 Miles Out

Only 7 Survivors Of U-Boat Outrage

HARROWING EVACUEE SHIP DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The story of the torpedoing of the British children's evacuee ship by an enemy submarine was told in a broadcast from New York yesterday which reveals the tragedy as one of the most harrowing disasters in maritime history.

The vessel carried over 400 refugees, including 98 children, of whom at least 294, including 93 children, were lost.

Many of the survivors were taken to hospital on arrival in an English port suffering from shock and injuries.

Mountainous seas hampered the work of rescue and endangered the frail lifeboats. One lifeboat just launched overturned; most of those in it were drowned but some managed to cling to the overturned boat.

Another lifeboat dropped from the davits when swamped by a sudden, mountainous wave. It fell on the first lifeboat killing all those clinging to it except one.

A SHIP CONVEYING 90 English children and nine adult escorts to Canada under the Overseas Reception Board evacuation scheme has been torpedoed and sunk. It is feared 83 children and seven adult escorts have been lost; a warship has brought seven children to a northern English port.

Altogether 294 lives are feared to have been lost.

The children embarked at a west coast port during the second week in September and were well on their way to their new wartime home when the ship was struck at 10 p.m. on September 17.

As with the evacuee ship which was torpedoed late in August on a similar voyage, when the whole company of 320 children was saved unharmed, the precautions taken by the Board were on the scale which has made it possible to transport overseas nearly 3,000 children without hitherto a single casualty.

Killed By Explosion

For every 15 children there was a skilled and experienced escort in addition to a doctor and nurse.

The complement of the ship was so calculated that for every child there was one adult passenger on board.

Tragic circumstances defeated all precautions. A number of children are believed to have been killed by the explosion.

There was a terribly heavy sea which swamped many of the boats and defeated gallant efforts at rescue.

Little Chance

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Under-Secretary for the Dominions who met the warship bringing survivors, issued the following statement:—

"I am full of horror and indignation that any German submarine captain could be found to torpedo a ship over 600 miles from land in a tempestuous sea."

"Conditions were such that there was little chance for passengers, whether adults or children, to survive."

"This deed will shock the world. It is another example of the barbarous methods of warfare associated with Nazi Germany and it is only comparable with their present brutal indiscriminate bombing of women and children in London."

The children, who practically all came from State-aided schools, were drawn almost entirely from vulnerable areas in and around London.

No Warning

W. B. Forsyth, a London passenger on board the liner, said in an interview: "We had no warning before the attack."

"The ship was so badly holed that she listed heavily and almost immediately began to sink. We had only 20 minutes to get the lifeboats lowered and away."

"Casualties occurred practically at the start. Darkness added to the difficulties, but the passengers behaved magnificently, particularly the women and children. The little mites obeyed every instruction."

"We had an awful tossing and heavy waves nearly swamped us. Hail and rain followed and how our boat remained afloat I don't know."

"The children died on the rescuing warship."

Behaved Wonderfully

Mrs. Margaret Hudson, of Bradford, said: "I was sitting with my husband and another woman when there was a terrific crash and the whole ship shuddered. The passengers were told to muster in the lounge until the evacuee children had been put aboard lifeboats."

"The children had been so happy on board and were looking forward to their new homes in Canada, and when the alarm came they behaved wonderfully."

"My husband helped me over the side and I got down a rope thinking I was going into a lifeboat, but the boat was some distance away and another girl and I swam towards it."

Husband Missing

"I did not see my husband again but I still hope he may have been picked up by a warship."

"I don't know how many died in our boats but I was surprised how quickly young men passed out."

"I was just about through when I saw a warship circling round looking for boats. For a time I thought it had not seen us and then someone put up a piece of cloth on an oar and naval men came and took us on board."

Lying On Raft

Miss Doris Walter, said she was on board because she had missed an earlier ship. She got away from the liner with another woman; the latter's two children and a young seaman.

They had to lie on a raft, gripping the planks with their hands, and were without any supplies for some hours before



THREE ITALIAN SUBMARINES DESTROYED — British destroyers recently sent three Italian submarines to the bottom of the Mediterranean, but when they returned to port they brought with them all the members of the crews it was possible to rescue. Picture shows some of the Italian submarine survivors waiting to be taken ashore in a motor-barge. (Copyright, Fox).

being picked up by a boat from another vessel.

Sonia Reoch, 11, of Bogner Regis, and her nine-year-old brother Derek were among the rescued children. They showed little trace of their terrible ordeal when interviewed in a hotel in the port where they were landed.

Sonia said: "We were among the last to get away and the first to be rescued. When we got on deck after the torpedo had struck the ship we were told to go to the bow and get into a lifeboat."

"Told It Was Going Down"

"My sister Barbara got down the ladder and Derek was following down a rope slung from the ship's side. By the time he reached the water the lifeboat had pulled away and Derek had to climb up again."

"We were then told to go to the stern but as we were running along the deck we were told the ship was going down. We rushed back to the bows and climbed down a rope, where we found a raft and all scrambled onto it."

"We tried to sit up and were thrown down again by the terrific wind. We were picked up by another boat and then a warship appeared and we all stood up and cheered for the good old British Navy."

"Thank God we found Barbara safe on board the warship. The sailors gave us rum to drink. It was horrible stuff but I suppose it did us good."—Reuter.

JAPANESE MOVING TROOPS INTO IND-CHINA

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tion to granting passage for troops to the Chinese border; and permits the Japanese to use three airfields at Phut, Loakay and Phulangthuong.

The proclamation issued by Admiral Decoux says that General Martin, Commander-in-chief of the French Indo-China Army, is supporting the agreement. — Special.

"Peaceful Advance"

An official joint communique issued by the Japanese Army and Navy in Tokyo at 11 o'clock this morning says that units of the Army and Navy to-day started a "peaceful advance" through Indo-China. — Reuter.

FEARS FOR CATHOLIC PRIESTS

Reports received by the "China Mail" from Pakhoi reveal grave fears for the safety of two Roman Catholic priests of the Paris Foreign Missions Society.

Rumours in Pakhoi state the two priests, one of whom is French and the other Belgian, have been murdered by Japanese soldiers in Walchow Island, opposite Pakhoi.

No confirmation can be obtained in Hong Kong, though Roman Catholic circles say nothing has been heard of the two Fathers for three months.

STOP PRESS

Thirty-six cases of cholera have been reported in the last 48 hours. Twenty-four were in Kowloon, nine in Victoria, two in the New Territories and one in Shaikwan. The total since the outbreak of the epidemic is 754.

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